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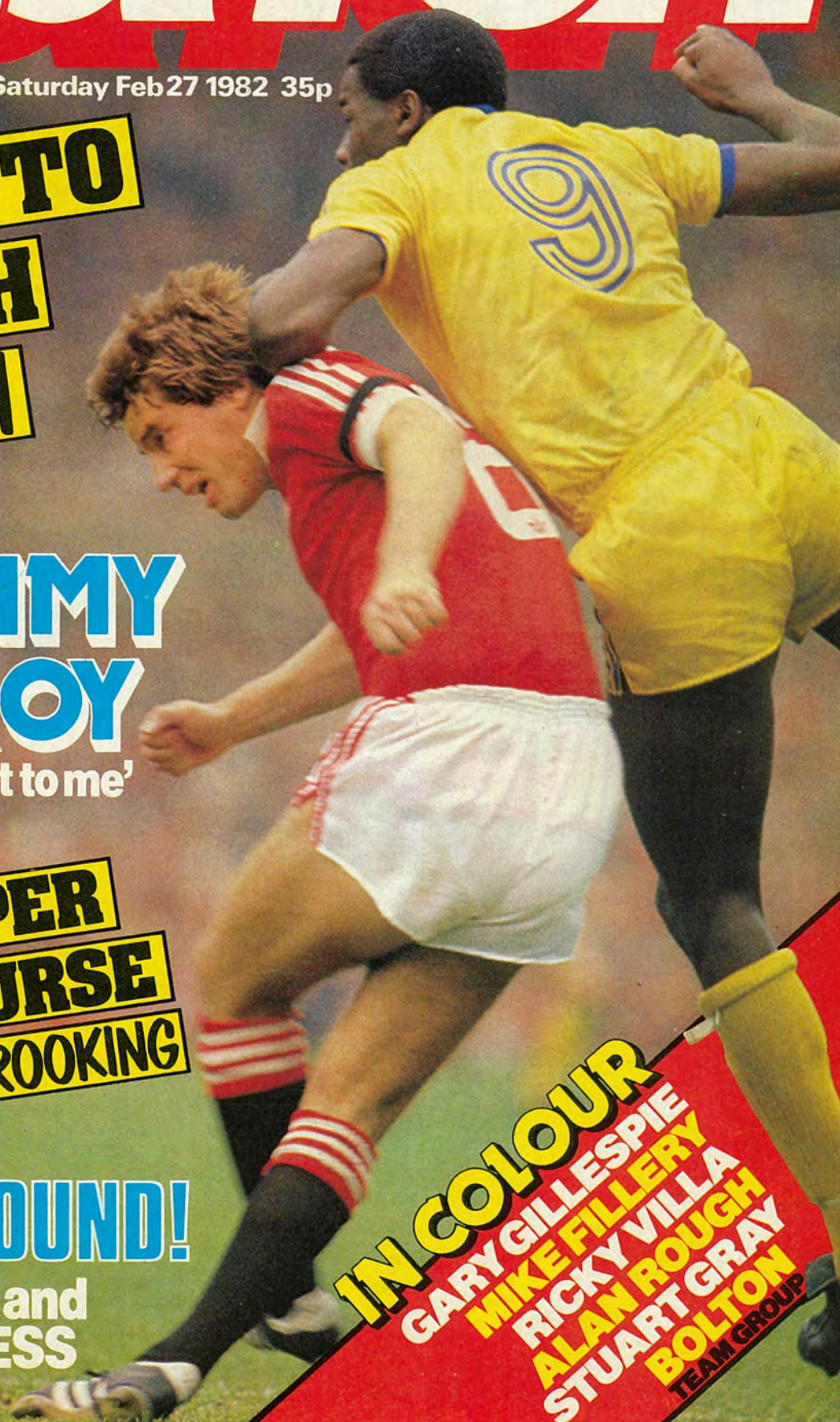
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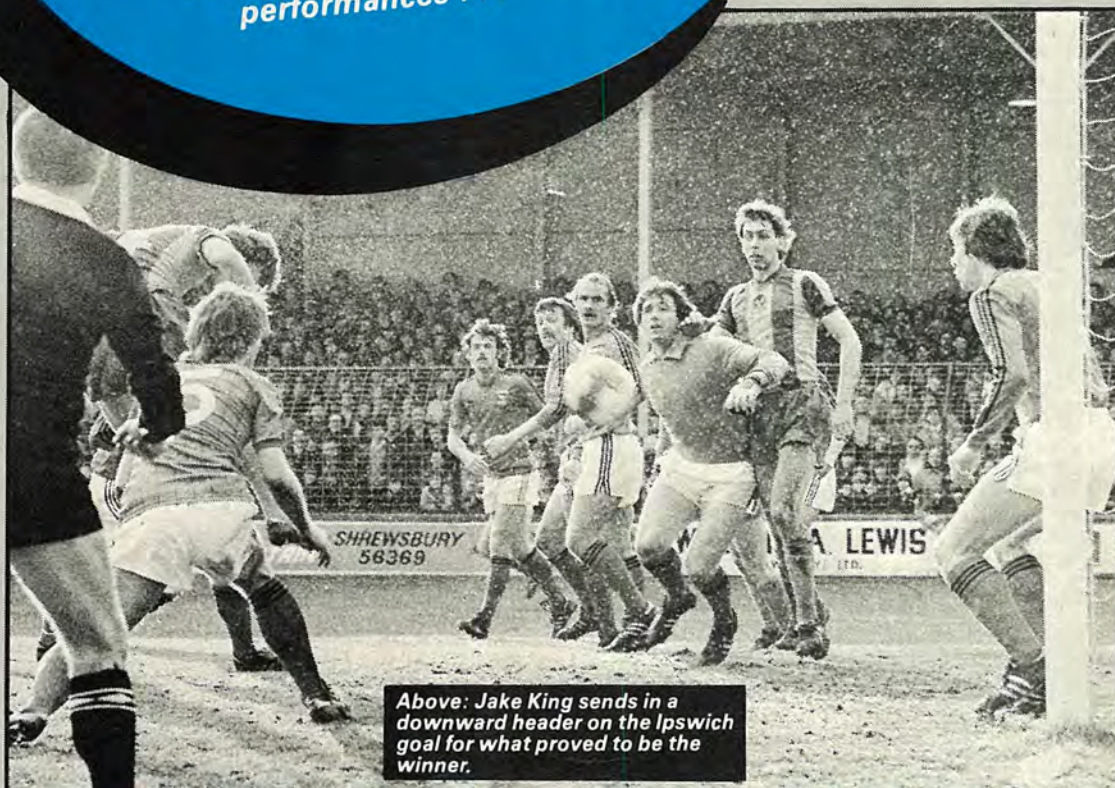
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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Nottingham Forest's Justin
Fashanu leaps high above
Manchester United's Martin
Buchan to head for goal.

UNDERDOGS Leicester,
Shrewsbury and Chelsea each
now stand just two games
away from Wembley and the
Final of the FA Cup.

And over the next three
pages, the stars who played a
major part in making it all
possible tell inside stories
behind their goalscoring
performances . . .

CUP



Above: Jake King sends in a
downward header on the Ipswich
goal for what proved to be the
winner.

KING JAKE

FIVE weeks ago
Shrewsbury full-back Jake
King hadn't kicked a ball for
nearly a year.

Now he's the goalscoring
hero of the Second Division
giantkillers after his winner
sensationally blasted Ipswich
out of the FA Cup and
unfashionable Shrewsbury into
the Quarter-Finals.

The Scot had been out of
action for nine months
following a stomach operation
and was only given the go
ahead to start light training
four weeks ago.

But the club's poor defensive
record in the Second Division
forced player manager Graham
Turner to throw him into the
side against Oldham after just
three weeks . . . and eight days
later he was facing the UEFA
Cup holders.

"It's real 'Roy of the Rovers'
stuff. The most I could have
expected at this stage was a
reserve team game," said Jake.

"Instead I set up the first goal
for Steve Cross and scored the
winner myself in a 2-1 win over
one of the best sides in the
country. It's unbelievable."

Jake went down with
stomach trouble at the end of
last season and had an
operation six months ago.
After that he was told that
complete rest was the only
cure.

"I couldn't even kick a ball,"
said Jake, who's made more
than 180 League appearances
in 12 years at Gay Meadow.

"I wasn't fully fit when I first
returned to the team, but now
I'm feeling in great shape and
the stomach hasn't given me
any problems," he added.

Jake told of the goal which
shook Ipswich and sent
Shrewsbury cup crazy. He said:
"My goal came from a simple
corner trick we use.

"Dave Tong took it, Jake
Keay headed on from the near
post and I ran in past Russell

Osman to head home. It was an
incredible feeling. At first I
didn't realise what I'd done."

Jock Wallace's young
Leicester side now block
Shrewsbury's passage to what
would be their first ever FA Cup
Semi-Final.

"We'd have preferred a home
tie, but Leicester at Filbert
Street isn't too bad because it's
not far away and we'll be able
to take about 7,000 supporters
with us.

"The pressure will be on
them to beat us at the first time
of asking. If we can hold them
to a draw I'm sure we can beat
them in the replay.

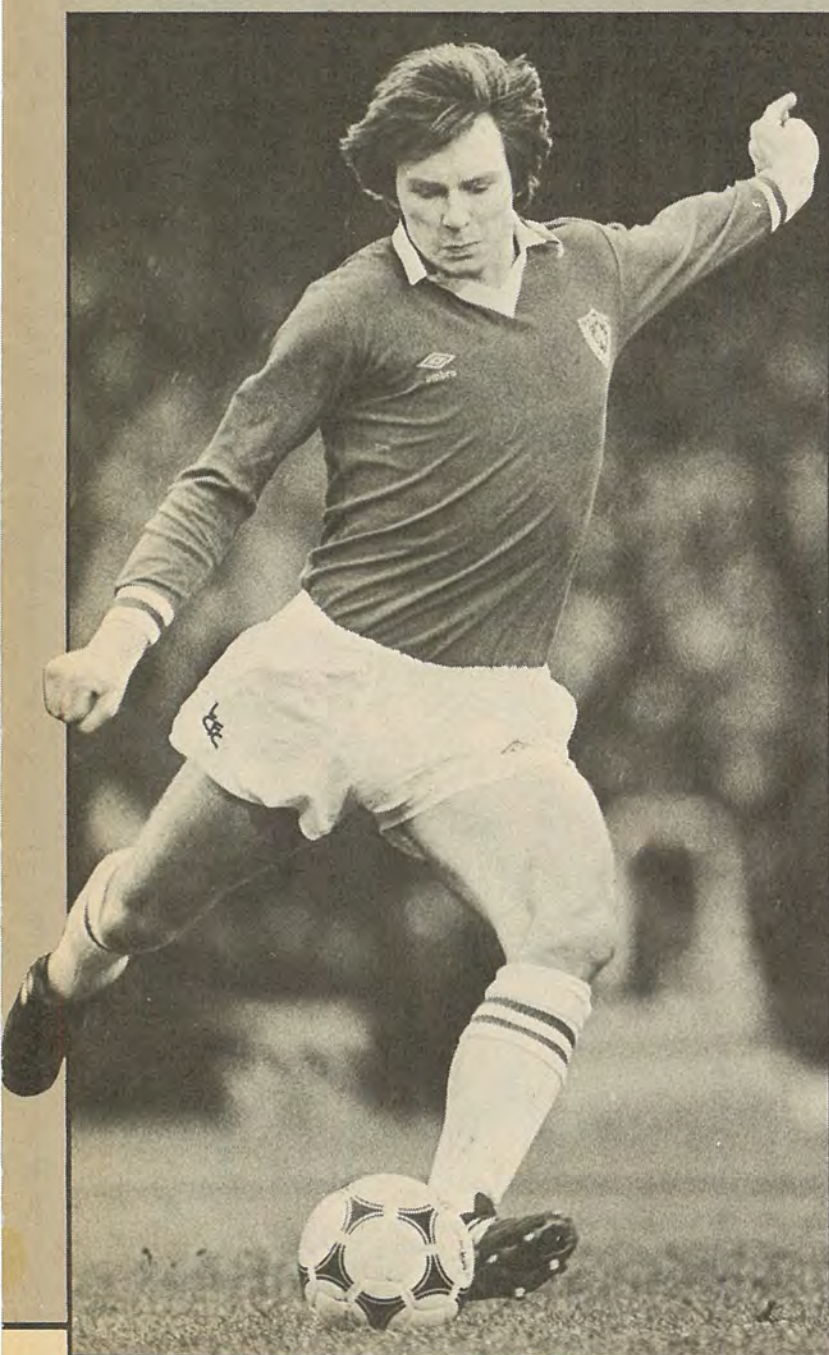
"I don't know that much
about Leicester because we
haven't played them this
season. I do know that they'll
be a tough team to beat. Any
side with Jock Wallace in
charge isn't going to be easy.

"It's incredible to think that
Shrewsbury are just two games
away from Wembley."

CONQUERORS

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BOMBSHELL



LEICESTER'S
transfer-listed defender
John O'Neill is prepared to
sacrifice a possible FA Cup
Final appearance at
Wembley to boost his
international career.

The Northern Ireland player, whose first goal of the season helped Leicester into the Quarter-Finals of the FA Cup, wants First Division football before the World Cup Finals this summer.

And that's why he dropped a transfer bombshell just 24 hours before Leicester's 2-0 Fifth Round victory over giant-killers Watford at Filbert Street.

"It was a difficult decision to make. I had been thinking about it for two or three weeks, but I felt I had to make it now if I am to get a chance of playing in the First Division this season," says 23-year-old John, a defensive cornerstone in Ireland's World Cup success.

"Leicester are still in with a chance of returning to the First Division next season, but I need to go now to get the right preparation for the World Cup Finals.

"If I am to play against world class players in Spain, then I must play against the best players in this country every week.

"I had a half-hour chat with the manager the day before the Watford game, and he understood the reasons for me wanting to leave Leicester.

"Mr Wallace has a policy of not keeping unsettled players and that's why he granted my request.

"I would probably be prepared to go anywhere in the First Division, but if there was more than one club interested, then it would be nice to have a choice.

"I would be pretty sick if Leicester did reach the Cup Final, and the way the draw has gone,

John O'Neill — even the possibility of a Wembley final can't keep him at Leicester.

they have got every chance."

Looking back on the goal that set Leicester on the way to victory over Watford, John says:

"It was a good time to score your first goal of the season, particularly as I have only scored about three in two years.

"The ball looped up in the air following a corner and I honestly thought goalkeeper Steve Sherwood was favourite.

"I could see him coming as I jumped, but I managed to get there first before he hit me.

"I didn't see the ball go in, but I knew it was there when I heard the crowd cheer.

"It was only when I saw the replay on television that I saw that I made better contact with the ball than I thought.

"A home tie against one of the Second Division survivors was what we talked about after the match, so a home tie with Shrewsbury couldn't be better.

"I know it will be a hard game, but at least we have home advantage, and in the Semi-Finals, anything could happen because League positions tend to go out of the window.

"I hope Leicester can reach Wembley, but I must put my career first and my objective is the right preparation for the World Cup."

FA Cup Quarter-Final draw
CHELSEA v SPURS
LEICESTER v SHREWSBURY
QPR v C. PALACE
WEST BROM v COVENTRY

● Now turn over for the story behind the Peter Rhoades-Brown performance which helped to dump Cup favourites Liverpool out of the competition.

CUP CONQUERORS

CHELSEA cup hero Peter Rhoades-Brown didn't expect to figure in the sensational FA Cup downfall of European Champions Liverpool.

He had been no further than the subs bench for two months when the mouth-watering prospect of a clash with the FA Cup favourites loomed for the winners of the Chelsea v Wrexham replay.

He was recalled for the second replay in Wales when Chelsea finally ended the saga, but had such a disastrous time in the following 1-0 League defeat at Watford that he expected the axe.

"I had probably the worst game of my career at Watford and I wouldn't have been surprised if I had been dropped," says Peter,

whose eighth minute goal set up the Cup shock of the season.

"I spent all week on tenterhooks wondering whether I would be in the team against Liverpool and it came as a great relief when I was told that I was playing."

But local boy Peter more than justified his selection with his first goal of the season to pave the way for Chelsea's second Cup defeat of Liverpool in four years.

"I remember getting a toe poke on the ball as I challenged Terry McDermott on the halfway line," recalls Peter who had scored only one previous goal for the Londoners.

"I took a return pass from Colin Lee and set off towards goal. I was confident I would make it all the way. I seemed to change gear."

"Bruce Grobbelaar went a little too far to the right as he came off his line and so I just aimed for the gap just inside the left hand upright."

"When it went in, my first reaction was to look at the referee

in case he disallowed it for some reason.

"When I saw him running back to the centre I knew it was there and I just couldn't believe it."

"It was an unbelievable feeling. I couldn't get my breath properly for about 15 minutes. The excitement took so much out of me."

"I could always see Liverpool equalising until Colin Lee grabbed that late second goal."

"It was real backs to the wall stuff with Micky Droy and the defenders doing a great job."

"But I always felt confident we could beat Liverpool again."

"I could tell before the game that the lads were confident of creating a Cup shock."

"I don't know why we are proving something of a jinx on them. It is perhaps just one of those inexplicable things in football."

"Maybe we played at the top of our form and caught them on an off day, I just don't know."

But the fact remains that John Neal's side are through to an

exciting Quarter-Final home clash with FA Cup holders Tottenham.

And Peter believes that cock-a-hoop Chelsea could go all the way to Wembley.

"If we play like we did against Liverpool then I see no reason why we can't beat Spurs and go all the way."

"We could have probably had a slightly easier task, but a clash with Spurs is the big one and will have a great impact on the club."

"If anything, it will prove a bigger game than Liverpool, and from our point of view Tottenham will probably be more difficult to beat."

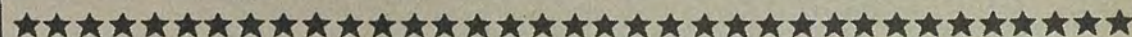
"They have some great individual players and when they are on form they take some holding."

"We've just got to hope we can reproduce our Fifth Round form."

Don't miss next week's 'Match' for a two page pull-out team picture of Chelsea and an action replay of Peter Rhoades-Brown's goal against Liverpool — both in brilliant colour.



BREATH-TAKING



Peter is captured here just a split second after hitting the shot that gave Chelsea a shock 1-0 lead over Liverpool in the FA Cup Fifth Round. Terry McDermott looks on in horror because it was his slip that let Chelsea in.



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LIVERPOOL'S 'Red Army' is on the march.

Written off by many at the turn of the year, they are now poised to regain the First Division Championship after an incredible month.

Between January 5 and February 6, they rolled off nine wins in ten League and Cup matches, scored 28 goals against two, and leapt nine places up the table, from 12th to third.

The Anfield aristocrats are looking mean and hungry

again, they have the scent of success in their nostrils, and could yet land a unique 'Grand Slam' — League, FA Cup, League Cup and the European Cup.

And just as remarkable as Liverpool's return to form is the goalscoring exploits of new star Ian Rush, the 20-year-old who scored nine goals in that amazing sequence.

Here he talks to reporter Melvyn Beck . . .

'MY DEBT TO DALGLISH'

by
Ian
Rush

WHEN new Liverpool goalscoring sensation Ian Rush assesses the reasons for his rise to fame, he points his finger admiringly in the direction of his striking partner Kenny Dalglish.

"He's the fellow who has been the biggest influence," says the young Welsh international whose scoring exploits during January earned him 'Match Weekly's' First Division 'Matchman of the Month' award.

"I owe him so much. He is always talking to me during a game and he keeps me going if I make a couple of bad passes or fluff chances.

"There's no doubt he has helped me more than anyone. If people think we go well together, that's great. Kenny is a fabulous player to play alongside."

Such has been the devastation wrought by this new partnership of youthful exuberance and wily experience, that they are talked of in the same breath as John Toshack and Kevin Keegan.

They have scored more than thirty goals between them this season, 15 in that dazzling sequence of ten games, with Ian accumulating an impressive 19 in 24 matches to become one of the hottest young properties in the First Division.

Yet Ian, signed from tiny Chester for £300,000 nearly two years ago, fully expected at this stage of his Liverpool career to be continuing his soccer education in the reserves.

He got his chance in mid-October during Liverpool's lean patch, and has never looked back.

"Some players have to wait as long as two years before they get a chance in the first team," says Ian.

"I played a handful of games last season, but when my chance of grabbing a regular place came in October, I decided to give it a real go.

"I didn't know whether I would get an extended run, but I started scoring goals and this has enabled me to stay in the team.

"And that's my sole aim for the rest of the season. I want to keep

in the first team and if any honours come my way then that's a bonus.

"Looking at the way we are playing at the moment, I shall be very surprised if I haven't one or two bonuses at the end of the season!

"It's all gone better than I would have dared hope, and I just hope that I can keep it going.

"There's no room to slacken at Anfield because there is always someone waiting for the chance to come in, and it's the competition for places that keeps you on your toes.

"Former skipper Phil Thompson has been out with injury and, such is the strength of the squad, that even he's not guaranteed a place."

Yet Ian, capped three times by Wales, almost threw away the chance to join Liverpool.

He actually turned down the First Division giants when they first attempted to lure him away from Third Division Chester.

"At the time I felt I would be better off with Chester as an 18-year-old because I would get more League football, and I also doubted whether I would be good enough.

"But when they came back for me two months later and I visited Anfield, it didn't take me long to sign."



Ian Rush — his goals for Liverpool have made him one of the First Division's hottest properties, but he almost turned down the chance to join the European Champions.

DIVISION ONE													
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Man City	20	6	3	2	19	9	4	1	4	10	13	34	
Southampton	19	8	0	2	25	12	2	3	4	10	16	33	
Swansea	20	7	2	1	18	7	3	1	6	13	24	33	
Man Utd	18	6	2	1	14	4	3	3	3	14	11	32	
Ipswich	16	6	1	1	15	8	4	1	3	13	11	32	
Tottenham	17	4	0	5	14	13	5	2	1	12	6	29	
Not'm F	18	5	2	2	11	8	3	3	3	12	15	29	
Everton	19	7	1	2	19	10	1	3	5	8	15	28	
Derby	19	3	5	2	17	13	3	4	2	7	6	27	
Arsenal	16	4	2	1	5	2	4	1	4	10	10	27	
West Ham	16	4	3	1	19	13	2	5	1	14	9	26	
Liverpool	17	3	3	3	13	10	3	3	2	11	9	24	
West Brom	18	3	4	2	12	7	3	2	4	11	12	24	
A Villa	19	2	3	3	9	10	3	4	4	14	13	22	
Coventry	20	5	2	3	19	11	1	2	7	10	21	22	
Stoke	13	4	0	5	14	12	2	2	5	9	16	20	
Leeds	18	4	5	0	13	6	1	0	8	5	26	20	
Wolves	18	4	2	3	7	7	1	2	6	5	18	19	
Birmingham	15	4	3	1	19	13	0	3	5	4	10	18	
Notts Co	17	3	4	1	13	12	1	7	11	19	17	19	
Sunderland	19	1	2	6	6	17	2	3	5	10	16	14	
Middlesbro	18	2	3	4	10	15	0	3	6	15	12		

THESE two First Division tables show at a glance Liverpool's dramatic return to form. The table above shows them in twelfth position prior to the matches on January 5 and the table below shows them in third spot — and with a game in hand on the leaders — just five matches later!

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Southampton	23	10	0	2	30	14	3	4	4	12	17	43	
Man Utd	23	8	3	1	20	6	4	3	4	17	13	42	
Liverpool	22	6	3	3	22	11	5	3	2	18	9	35	
Man City	24	7	4	2	24	12	4	2	5	12	16	33	
Swansea	23	8	2	1	20	7	4	1	7	14	26	38	
Ipswich	20	7	1	2	19	13	5	1	4	17	17	38	
Arsenal	22	6	3	1	8	3	5	2	5	12	13	38	
Brighton	23	5	5	2	21	14	5	3	1	13	7	36	
Tottenham	20	6	0	5	21	14	2	4	6	13	19	34	
Everton	24	7	3	2	21	12	2	3	4	13	17	33	
Not'm F	22	6	3	3	13	11	3	3	4	13	17	33	
Derby	22	5	4	1	23	15	2	5	5	15	16	30	
West Ham	22	5	4	1	23	15	2	5	5	15	16	30	
West Brom	20	4	4	2	14	8	3	2	7	16	20	26	
Notts Co	22	4	4	3	14	17	3	4	6	15	18	25	
A Villa	23	3	3	4	10	13	2	4	5	10	17	25	
Stoke	23	5	2	5	16	17	2	4	7	13	24	24	
Coventry	24	5	2	5	21	16	1	4	9	5	27	24	
Leeds	21	5	6	0	15	6	1	0	9	5	27	24	
Birmingham	21	4	5	1	22	16	0	3	8	9	28	19	
Wolves	23	4	2	5	7	11	1	2	3	6	11	17	18
Sunderland	22	1	3	6	6	17	3	3	6	11	17	18	
Middlesbro	21	2	3	5	10	16	0	4	7	6	16	13	

Focus on two of the stars involved in European Quarter-Final action next week. Peter Withe prepares for Aston Villa's European Cup tie against Dinamo Kiev and Dundee United's Paul Hegarty looks ahead to his side's UEFA Cup clash with Radnicki.

WRITE



Peter Withe in action for England in the friendly against Brazil at Wembley. This downward header hit the post. Peter doesn't believe Villa's poor League form will affect his chances of going to Spain.

ASTON Villa striker Peter Withe isn't worried that he's failed to hit the goalscoring heights he achieved last season.

Peter earned three England caps in the summer after finishing up as the League Champions' top scorer with 20 goals, but this season he'd netted just four prior to Villa's FA Cup Fifth Round tie against holders Tottenham.

He says, however: "Although I need to start knocking in a few more goals, I don't worry if I'm not scoring."

"I consider myself more as a provider than an out-and-out goalscorer. It's my job to create the chances."

"At the end of the day, I'm more concerned that I've played well and we've won rather than scoring goals."

"A lot of players worry if they're not scoring but I don't. I've always scored goals throughout my career so I'm not too concerned if I go through a blank spell."

"The team has been struggling in the League this season so it's obvious I'm not going to get as many chances to score as I did last season," added Peter, who joined Villa from Newcastle at the beginning of last season.

His partnership with young Gary Shaw produced 38 goals as Villa stormed to the title, but this season they've failed to reproduce that winning form.

To add to the club's problems, manager Ron Saunders sensationally resigned after a

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Into

DUNDEE United have emerged as Britain's unlikely contenders for UEFA Cup glory this season.

Before the competition got under way, all the talk was of holders Ipswich and mighty Arsenal carrying the British flag abroad.

But England's best wasn't good enough as the First Division clubs were dumped out and it's now up to Scottish Premier Division Dundee United as our only representatives.

And their Scottish international defender Paul Hegarty believes the club could go all the way if they beat their Quarter-Final opponents, FC Radnicki of Yugoslavia.

"This is the furthest we've ever got in the UEFA Cup, but I believe if we can overcome this hurdle, there's no reason why we shouldn't reach the final."

Surprised

"There's no doubt that we've surprised a few people by getting this far. Clubs like Ipswich and Arsenal were the favourites to progress to the final stages," added Paul.

In fact, on their way to the last eight, last season's Scottish League Cup winners Dundee United hammered five goals past Belgians Winterslag — victors over Arsenal in the previous round.

Left: Paul Hegarty — "There's no reason we shouldn't reach the final."

-OFFS

... but European glory can revive Aston Villa

row with club chairman Ron Bendall.

"I can't put my finger on what's gone wrong this season. Our League form has been disappointing although we've done well in the cup competitions.

"It's true that as Champions other teams produce that little bit extra against us, but it's something we've got to get used to.

"Liverpool have shown that they can live with that extra attention over the years. We've got to adopt the same sort of attitude," added Peter.

"Everyone is writing us off as one season wonders. It's up to us to prove them wrong," added Peter.

Villa, along with holders Liverpool, are in European Cup action next Wednesday when they travel to Kiev for the first leg of their Quarter-Final tie against Russian Champions Dinamo Kiev. Following their FA Cup defeat at Spurs it's their only chance of glory.

"Our Cup form has provided us with some

consolation because we've been playing well and scoring goals. But the important thing to us is the League. We'd love to have been fighting it out at the top again this year," says Peter.

But he doesn't believe that Villa's poor League form will hinder his chances of making England's squad for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

"Obviously you stand more chance of being noticed if you're playing in a successful side, but I don't think our form this season will have any bearing on whether I'm picked or not.

"I'm very keen to go to Spain because this is my last chance of appearing in a World Cup Finals. I won't be in contention when the next one comes around in 1986."

Right: Peter Withe — doesn't worry when he's not scoring but he'd like to hit the net against Kiev next week.



the unknown

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"Radnicki will provide us with our toughest task yet," concedes Paul. "In many respects we're travelling into the unknown.

"We were lucky in the last three rounds because we were drawn against teams who were relatively close to home. This is the furthest we've had to travel.

"I've never played in Yugoslavia although I've been to most of the other Iron Curtain countries and it's not much fun.

"This trip over there is the worst part. Once you've arrived at the airport, you face another couple of hours on a bus before you get to the ground. Travelling takes a lot out of the players," he added.

Paul is hoping that Dundee United can reproduce the form they showed earlier this season before the big freeze.

"Before the bad weather descended on us, we were playing really well. Since the enforced lay-off, we haven't been able to

recapture that form.

"In fact, following our 2-0 defeat at Airdrie, we'd won just one of our last four games. That's not championship challenging form."

Under the astute management of Jim McLean, Dundee United are now challenging Glasgow giants Rangers and Celtic for the title of Scotland's top club.

Big four

"Ourselves and Aberdeen have broken down their domination and there's now a 'big four' in Scotland as opposed to a 'big two'.

"It's difficult for us to challenge the 'Old Firm' because we don't have their resources, but our experiences in Europe are helping.

"It gives the players an extra edge and attracts bigger crowds," added Paul, who's helped his team win the League Cup twice in the past three years.



Paul Sturrock celebrates as Dundee United hit five against UEFA Cup rivals Borussia Moenchengladbach.

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THE GLENN

GLENN HODDLE'S performances for Spurs this season have received rave reviews — reinforcing claims that he should be an England regular by the time the World Cup Finals kick off.

But while no-one has ever doubted his unquestionable talent some have questioned his ability to turn it on consistently at international level.

In this exclusive interview, regular 'Match' columnist Glenn answers the doubters and declares

GIVEN a run in the England team I know I could reproduce my best club form at international level.

I've made less than ten appearances for England since my debut against Bulgaria in 1980.

And only once have I played in two internationals on the trot.

In contrast, I've played more than 300 games for Spurs.

So when people compare my performances for club and country they must take that fact into account.

I know I can do it for England, but people won't see the best of me at international level if I'm in and out of the side.

I'm confident in my own ability, but you need a run of games in any team to settle in properly.

Of course I've got to earn the right to a regular place, but I don't think I'll ever

have a better chance of making one of those England shirts my own.

Everything is going so well for Spurs this season.

We're in the League Cup Final, Quarter-Finals of the FA Cup and Cup Winners Cup and still in with a shout in the League.

The team is playing well and winning and I've been more than pleased with my own form.

In fact I'm probably enjoying my football more now than at any time in my career.

When I signed a new two year contract with Spurs at the beginning of this season I was sure our FA Cup victory would be a springboard for success.

And while we haven't won anything yet we are still in with a chance in four different competitions.

It's a marvellous feeling to know that we are going back to Wembley in a



SPURS' Mark Falco heads the only goal of the game to defeat Aston Villa in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup at White Hart Lane. Now Spurs face Chelsea.

HODDLE COLUMN

'I KNOW I CAN DO IT FOR ENGLAND'

fortnight's time — this time to play Liverpool in the League Cup Final.

Potentially it could be a great game. Our styles are different and it will be interesting to see which pattern of play wins the day.

To reach the Final of course we had to overcome West Brom in the Semi Finals which we did with a Mike Hazard goal in the second leg.

The atmosphere that night was the best I've known at White Hart Lane for a long time. Our fans were really on song and certainly spurred us on.

Mind you it was a tight game and it's always touch and go when there's only one goal separating two teams. It's no good for your nerves!

The fact that we have made it to Wembley has set the whole club buzzing. If nothing else we know that at least we have achieved one final.

But we've got two other big Cup games before we meet Liverpool... against Eintracht Frankfurt in the Quarter-Finals of the Cup Winners Cup next Wednesday and then against London rivals Chelsea in the Quarter-Finals of the FA Cup the following Saturday.

Everyone is desperately keen to succeed in Europe and the first leg against Eintracht is all I will be thinking about after our League match against Stoke on Saturday.

Chelsea clash

But naturally enough it's the FA Cup clash with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge which has really captured the imagination of the fans.

While we've not been drawn at home this time we are still in London and I was quite pleased with the pairing. The only draw I didn't really fancy was Q.P.R. away because of their artificial pitch.

I'm looking forward to playing at Stamford Bridge again and I can see it turning out to be a good game.

I have to admit I was surprised Chelsea beat Liverpool 2-0 in the last round, although I did say in my last column that I thought they would make it tough for the

European Champions.

Chelsea are typical of those sides who can raise their game for the big occasion, but for my own part I hope they've had their afternoon of glory in the Cup!

We certainly don't fear playing them because I think we are as good as any team in the country at the moment.

But you are only as good as your performance on the day and Chelsea have players like Clive Walker, Mike Fillery and Mickey Droy who can turn it on.

I'm sure Colin Lee will be fired up too because he'll be playing against his old club.

Without doubt the atmosphere is going to be fabulous. I only hope the day isn't spoiled by violence on the terraces.

We are now favourites to retain the FA Cup as one of only three First Division teams left in the competition.

But that doesn't give us any automatic right to win — any victory has to be earned. And we certainly had to work hard to beat Aston Villa in the last round.

It was difficult for us to boost our performance against Villa and I think that was due to the fact that we'd reached the League Cup Final just a few days earlier.

I thought we were the better, more fluent side in the first half, but it was our first game for a while on heavy ground and we tired in the second half.

Of course our fixture programme at present is a hectic one and people always ask the question: Is it good to be involved in so many competitions?

Were we to finish the season with nothing to show we'd probably look back and say we were involved in too much.

At the moment we certainly don't think that way. We've got to be greedy.

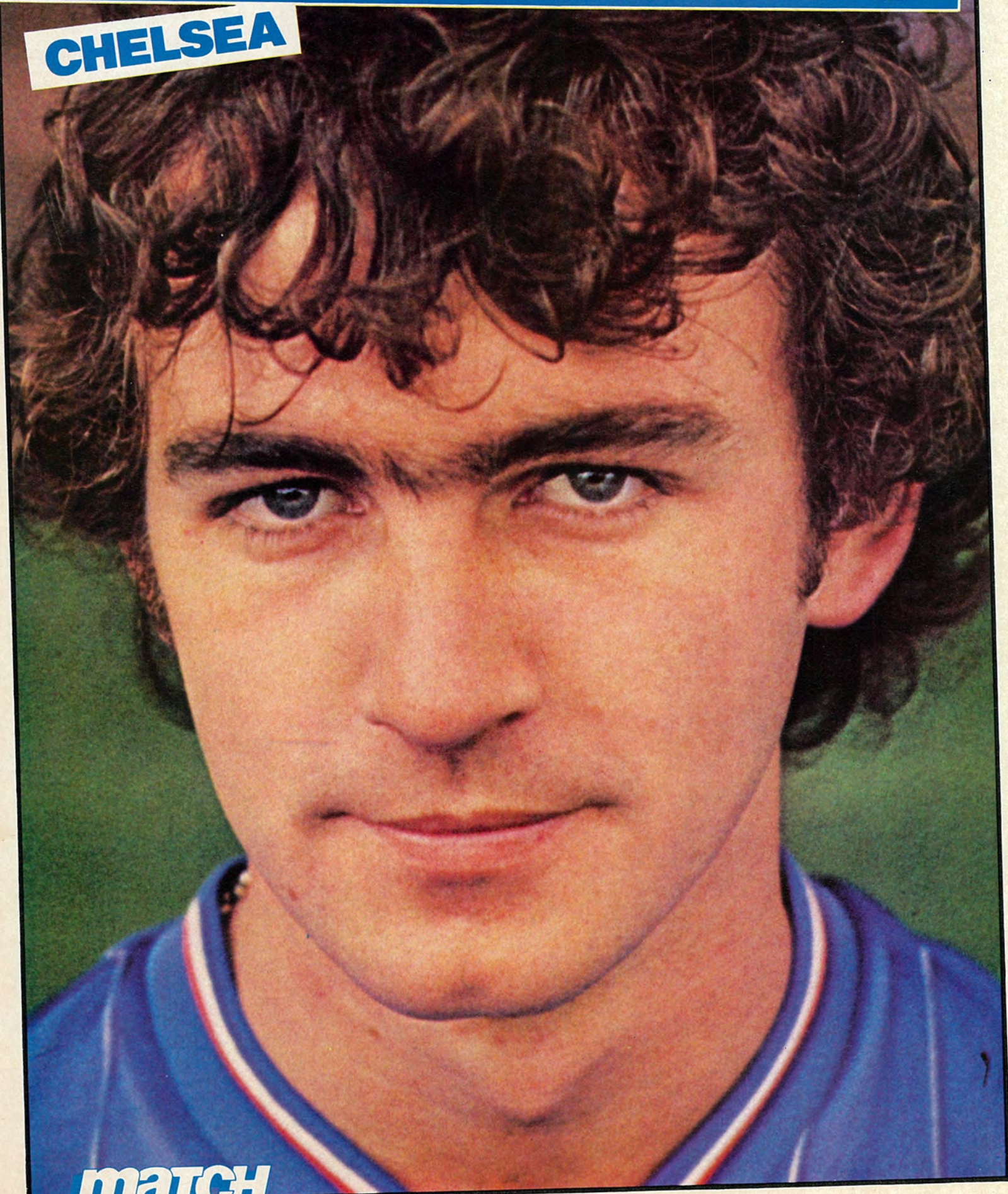
What better than to reach all the finals and be there at the death in the Championship race?

Glenn Hoddle

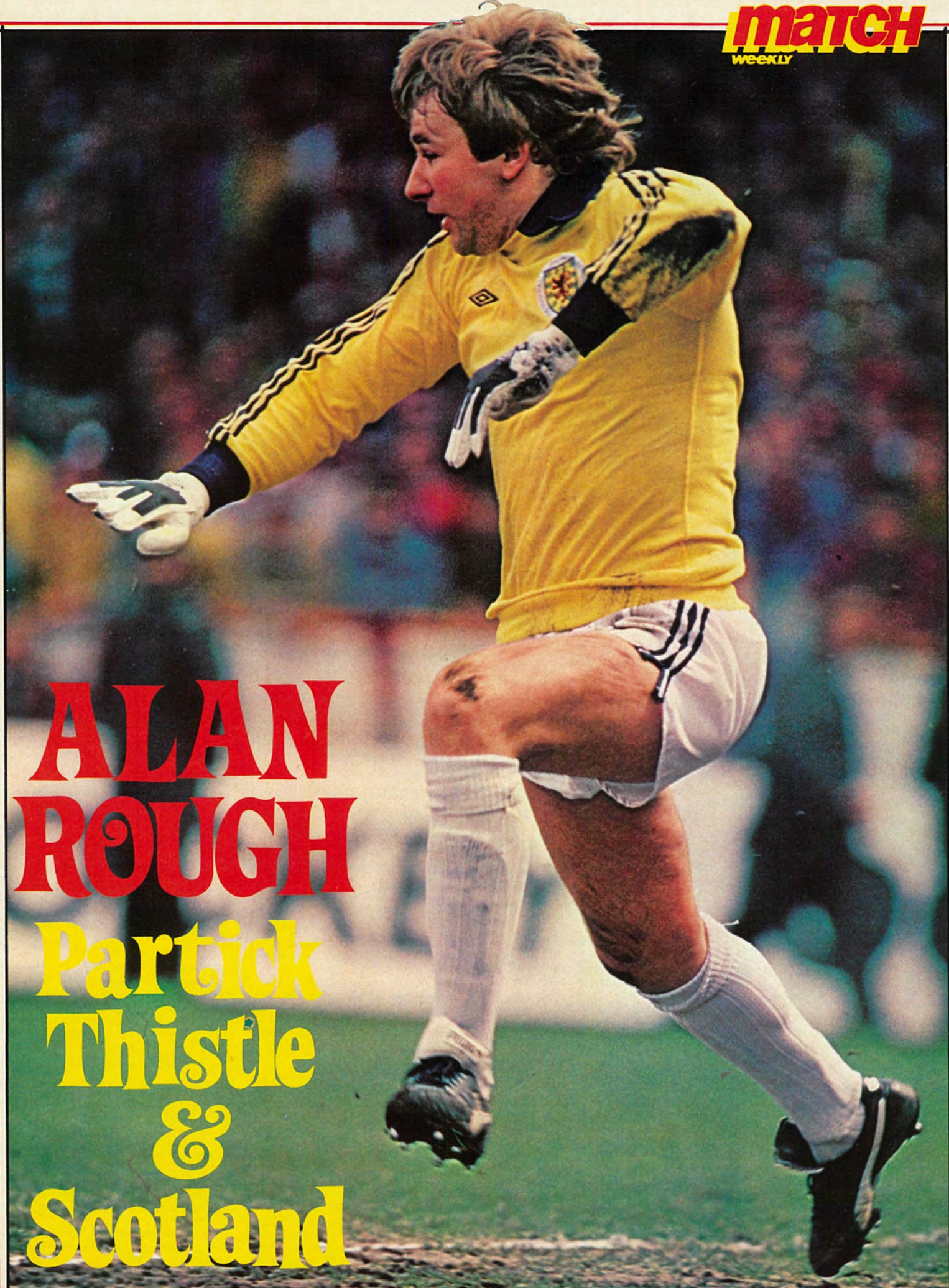


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A full-page photograph of a football player, Alan Rough, in a dynamic pose. He is wearing a yellow long-sleeved jersey with black stripes on the sleeves, white shorts with black stripes, and white socks. He is captured mid-stride, leaning forward with his right arm extended and his left leg pushing off. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

ALAN ROUGH

Partick
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Scotland

REMEMBER ME RON!

Alan in action for England against Northern Ireland at Wembley in 1980: "I just hope Mr Greenwood remembers me when choosing future squads."



INJURIES are the curse of many professional footballers.

But for West Ham's mercurial midfielder Alan Devonshire, the arrival of his ankle injury couldn't have been more ill-timed.

The brilliant youngster has been sidelined since early January — at a time when he needed to underline his strong claims for a place in England's build-up to the World Cup Finals.

BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR DEVONSHIRE

Our 'Target Spain' spotlight this week, No. 8 in the series, falls on West Ham's Alan Devonshire — capped twice by England, but now preparing to prove himself all over again.

His glittering early season form made him a potential candidate for a place in England's squad for the British Championship clash with Northern Ireland at Wembley earlier this week.

And that might have been the platform he required to show he is the principal contender for West Ham club mate Trevor Brooking's role on the left flank of midfield.

Frustrated

Instead, Alan was a frustrated spectator at the first warm-up hurdle on the road to Spain, and now he has to keep his fingers crossed that his proven potential will enable him to get another chance to shine in the international arena.

His England hopes received a setback initially during West Ham's 3-0 defeat at Liverpool in early January.

He aggravated the ankle knock a few days later in the 1-0 defeat at Brighton and then had the leg put in plaster in an attempt to accelerate

the period of recovery.

As he starts the road back to a West Ham side ailing after a healthy first few months in the often rarified atmosphere of the First Division, he tries not to think about the England situation.

"Obviously the injury couldn't have occurred at a worse time with England beginning the build-up for Spain," says Alan, who was capped twice in 1980 against Austria, as a sub, and Northern Ireland.

"My prime concern is to get fit and regain my place in the West Ham side."

"Up to the injury I felt I was playing at the top of my form and would have hoped for a place in the England squad for the Irish match."

Midfield is one area in the England set-up where competition for places is intense with talented performers like Ray Wilkins and Glenn Hoddle already attempting to unseat the current trio of Bryan Robson, Trevor Brooking and Terry McDermott.

So time is running out for young Alan to prove to England manager Ron Greenwood that he should be



on the plane to Spain.

"Everybody would love to be part of the World Cup Finals, and I'm no exception," adds Alan who has been a fairly regular squad member during the qualifying matches.

Remembers

"I can't wait to get back into the First Division and start producing the form I had before Christmas."

"I just hope that Mr Greenwood remembers my form and bears me in mind when choosing future squads."

"But it's no good me thinking about England until I'm fully fit again and doing my stuff in the first team."

"Then it's up to me to convince Mr Greenwood that I'm ready to be considered for a recall to the squad."



Alan Devonshire — "My injury couldn't have occurred at a worse time."

**Face to face with Sammy
McIlroy whose transfer to
Stoke signalled the end of
an era at Manchester United**

SAMMY McIlroy talked this week about the most difficult decision of his career.

The Northern Ireland international has turned his back on 13 years at mighty Manchester United to help ambitious manager Richie Barker mould unfashionable Stoke into a footballing force.

But says Sammy: "Leaving United was the most difficult decision of my career. That's why it took me so long to decide.

"But I felt I'd reached the end of the road at Old Trafford. Even though I thought I was worth a place in the side, I found myself in and out of the team this season.

Up to the end of last season, Sammy had made 330 League appearances for United, but the arrival of record signing Bryan Robson and Remi Moses from West Brom have restricted his First Division outings this term to just 12.

"I had a chat with manager Ron Atkinson but, because there's such a big squad at Old Trafford, he couldn't give me any guarantees.

"And with the World Cup Finals on the horizon I felt it was important that I got regular first team football."

By selling Sammy to Stoke for £350,000, United have wiped out a considerable slice of their reputed £1.3m debt — incurred during their summer spending spree.

"I want to be as sharp as I can when the World Cup Finals come

SAMMY IS ON THE SPOT!

BUT McILROY DISCOVERS HIS FUTURE LIES WITH STOKE

round. I wouldn't have been at my best if I'd stayed in the United reserves," added Sammy, who also interested Leeds, Everton and Sunderland.

"I was very impressed by Richie Barker. He's very ambitious and determined to start something good at the Victoria Ground.

"Many people have claimed that the club aren't ambitious, but I don't believe that. The manager wouldn't have splashed out money on myself and Dave Watson if he wasn't keen to win honours.

"Obviously it's a completely different set-up to what I'm used to. Manchester United are the best

club in the world.

"But the facilities at Stoke are adequate and I've joined a great bunch of lads," added Sammy, who's signed a two and a half year contract with his new club.

"Richie has also said that he'll play me in midfield which is the position I prefer. At United I was used as a winger and I didn't like that because it's not my proper role.

"As far as I'm concerned joining Stoke has given me a chance to

start my career all over again and I'm looking forward to the challenge," says Sammy who scored on his debut for Stoke in the 2-0 win at Sunderland.

Looking back on his 13 years at Old Trafford, Sammy said: "I've got some really fond memories. I loved the place and enjoyed my time there.

"There have been so many fantastic moments that it's hard to pick any-one out," added Sammy, who was the last of the 'Busby Babes' — players signed by former United manager Sir Matt Busby.

"I suppose it is the end of an era, but everything has to come to an end at sometime. The last link in a piece of United history has gone."

Sammy, who was once hailed as 'the new George Best', burst onto the scene back in 1971 when he scored on his debut against arch rivals City.

Since then he's gone on to win a Second Division Championship medal and appear in three FA Cup Finals at Wembley — being on the victorious side that beat Liverpool 2-1 in 1977.

"I've had the privilege of playing with some of the greatest names in the game — players like Denis Law, George Best, Bobby Charlton and Pat Crerand," added the 27-year-old, who was first capped for Northern Ireland back in 1972 and has since made more than 50 appearances.

Sammy believes that the current United side is destined for greater things: "The manager has built up a very strong squad and I can see them winning a lot of honours in the future."

Sammy McIlroy in typical action for Manchester United as he evades the challenge of Nottingham Forest's Peter Ward.



Charlie's on the move

FORMER England striker Charlie George is on the move again.

The ex-Southampton forward has had his contract in Hong Kong cancelled after just seven games.

Bulova coach Ron Wylie, former assistant to Gordon Milne at Coventry, said that "George's game wasn't suited to the League."

George joined the wealthy Hong Kong club six months ago but injury restricted his appearances.

Another former Football League player, Mel Blyth, has also returned from Hong Kong, claiming that he was unable to find suitable accommodation.

Biggins booster

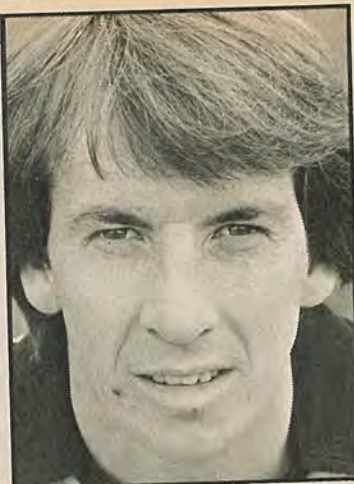
STEVE Biggins returned to the Shrewsbury side after a three months absence to help topple Division Two promotion chasers Oldham.

He popped up with his second-half winner to ease his club's relegation fears.

Valuable Vaessen

YOUNG Paul Vaessen's first goals of the season for Arsenal certainly proved valuable.

He scored the only goal against Leeds at Highbury in only his third full game of the season, and then four days later repeated the dose against Wolves with the winner to lift Arsenal into the top six.



ROARING LYONS

COLCHESTER fans are certainly getting value for money.

They saw twenty goals in three successive matches, including a 5-2 defeat of fellow Division Four promotion rivals Sheffield United.

It was new £25,000 signing John Lyons (above) who set them on the way with a fourth minute goal on his debut following his move from Cambridge.

And John scored in his second game to earn Colchester a point at Aldershot.

FOSTER FIRES ORIENT

WITHIN hours of signing as a professional, Orient defender Colin Foster celebrated with the opening goal in his side's 2-0 FA Cup Fourth Round defeat of Huddersfield.

The 17-year-old, who was making his seventh senior appearance, set Orient on the way and Ian Moores clinched victory with his seventh goal in seven games.

CITY BLUES

BIRMINGHAM, facing a relegation battle, had their lowest gate for 15 years for the clash with fellow strugglers Middlesbrough.

Only 10,715 watched the match peter out as a goalless draw.

EXIT THE EX-CITY MEN

TWO former Manchester City players have hit the headlines for the wrong reasons following recent moves to Second Division clubs.

Mike Doyle, having joined Bolton from Stoke, marked his debut against Oldham with an own goal and then got his marching orders in the 2-0 defeat at Newcastle in his next appearance.

Gerry Gow was also sent off in his second match for Rotherham. And that came after just three minutes of the home game with Derby which Rotherham eventually won 2-1.

Martin blow

AN injury to new England defender Alvin Martin marred the testimonial game at Manchester City for the dependants of their former coach Bill Taylor who died in November.

The young West Ham centre half broke a collar bone as an England XI defeated Manchester City 2-1. Peter Barnes, out of favour at Leeds, and Manchester United's Steve Coppell scored the England back, while Kevin Bond pulled one spot.



Tony turns to Walsall

TONY Lowery, unable to make his name with West Brom following his move from non-League Ashington last season, has joined Third Division Walsall on loan.

The midfielder made just one full League appearance for Albion in this season's opening day 2-1 defeat at Manchester City.

And Tony opened his goal account in League football in Walsall's 2-1 home defeat of Chester.

Francois on target

BELGIAN international Francois Van der Elst opened his goal account in English football with a late goal for West Ham at Stoke.

But his goal wasn't enough to earn West Ham a point as Paul Maguire snatched a winner nine minutes from the end.

KITCHEN SINKS WREXHAM

CARDIFF striker Peter Kitchen, in the reserves for most of the season, cracked a hat-trick against Wrexham to put his side into the semi-finals of the Welsh Cup.

The other goal in Cardiff's 4-1 home win came from Gary Stevens. But Cup holders Swansea were held to a surprise 2-2 draw by non-League Colwyn Bay in their quarter-final tie.

SAUNDERS SHOCK

RON Saunders produced one of the shock football stories of the season when he quit as manager of League Champions Aston Villa just weeks before their European Cup Quarter-Final clash with Russian side Dynamo Kiev.

He resigned from his sick bed after a row with chairman Ron Bendall that stemmed from a contractual dispute. Ron, in charge at Villa Park for nearly eight years, commented: "If I'm going to be the manager, I want to be allowed to manage and not be an office boy."

WEST BROM YOUNGSTERS SINK FOREST

SIXTEEN-year old Mick Lewis became the third youngest player to appear in West Brom's League colours in the 2-1 home defeat of Nottingham Forest.

But it was another teenager who hit the headlines, Kevin Summerfield getting the winner to collect his fourth goal in just eight First Division appearances.

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Ipswich are top team

IPSWICH are the Omega/Variety Club 'Team of the Month' for January following their club record sequence of nine successive victories.

The panel, which includes Bobby Charlton and Frank McLintock, look each month for the team they consider to have provided the most entertaining football and

charisma.

Manager Bobby Robson received the momentos for the players from former FIFA President Sir Stanley Rous, and at the same time a cheque for £2,000 was received by the Variety Club from the sponsors, Omega Chewing Gum.

MORRIS ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

COLIN Morris's £100,000 move from Blackpool has kept him in the Fourth Division with Sheffield United . . . but the consistent striker has no doubts that he has made the right decision.

The two famous clubs were relegated to the basement last season for the first time, but the former Burnley and Southend winger feels United have the greater potential to return to higher spheres.

"With all due respect to Blackpool, United have been able to afford better players, and I don't think there is any doubt that they will be promoted this season," says Colin who has been in search of a move for most of the current campaign.

"I had my doubts about staying in the Fourth Division when first told about the £100,000 bid, but after visiting the club and talking to manager Ian Porterfield, I was left in no doubt that I should sign."

"The facilities are better than some in the First Division and, with gates of more than 11,000, they are also better supported than some of the clubs in the top flight."

"I understand that some clubs from higher leagues were interested in me with a view to exchange deals, but Blackpool were in desperate need of cash."

"I have been told that the money from my move has enabled the club to relieve some tax burdens that were threatening their future."

He cost Blackpool £111,000



Colin Morris, Sheffield United's new £100,000 striker, has no regrets about staying in the Fourth Division.

when signed from Southend three years ago and, in that time, he scored 26 League goals, including ten this season.

He made his debut for United in their 4-0 home defeat of Stockport. "I didn't play particularly well, but I'm sure that I shall be getting among the goals playing alongside experienced men like Keith Edwards and Bob Hatton," he forecasts.

"I think the main problem at United is that the players are trying too hard to get success for the fans, but if they can relax a little more, then I've no doubts that I shall be back in Division Three next season."

Standing ovation for Tottenham!

TOTTENHAM celebrated in style the official opening of their new £4½ million stand at White Hart Lane by blasting Wolves 6-1.

Former FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous performed the opening ceremony before Wolves were torn apart.

Argentinian star Ricky Villa led the spree with his first hat-trick in English football on the day former Oxford boss Ian Greaves took over as manager of Wolves.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Money back!

HAVING lost young Steve Emery with a broken leg in the 2-1 defeat at Rotherham, Derby suffered another blow with the return of loanee defender Richard Money to Liverpool.

The former Fulham player made six appearances for the Second Division club while on loan with a view to a £200,000 transfer.

"I enjoyed another taste of first team football," said Richard, "but now I shall be trying to win back my place in the Liverpool team."

To fill the defensive gap, acting manager John Newman spent £25,000 on Swansea's Brian Attley.

Brian, a regular in Swansea's promotion side last season, made only two First Division appearances before his move to the Midlands.

Meanwhile, former Derby manager Colin Addison has taken over at Third Division Newport for the second time following the sacking of Len Ashurst.

The Liverpool spirit

LIVERPOOL manager Bob Paisley has set a new record in the Bell's Scotch Whisky 'Manager of the Month' scheme with his 16th monthly award in seven seasons.

He received the First Division award for January following Liverpool's seven wins and a draw in eight matches. It was his eighth overall monthly award.

He has been manager of the year four times, a divisional winner

twice and received special awards in 1978 and last year.

Two new names figured among the divisional awards for January in the shape of Orient's Ken Knighton and Wigan's Larry Lloyd.

The Third Division award went to Preston's Gordon Lee — his ninth in all with five different clubs, Everton, Newcastle, Blackburn, Port Vale and now Preston.

DAVID AT A DISCOUNT!

TWO years ago, Crystal Palace couldn't buy Welsh international striker David Giles for less than £700,000 from Swansea.

Now they have signed him on loan with the possibility of a £75,000 transfer at the end of it.

The 24-year-old has been out of favour at the Vetch Field after being a regular in their Second Division promotion side.

Recently, he scored twice in three games while on loan to Orient but they couldn't afford to sign him on a permanent basis.

Peter, Paul and Wednesday . . .

SHEFFIELD Wednesday fielded two brothers for the first time since the McAnearney's back in the sixties when Peter and Paul Shirliff played in the 3-2 win at Norwich.

Midfield player Paul (right), 19, was called up for his senior debut alongside 21-year-old brother Peter.

And it was a happy night for, apart from the vital win, Peter also scored one of the goals.



Search is on for Leicester fans

THE London branch of the Leicester City Supporters Club are launching a membership drive.

The man to contact is Kevin Wells, at 63 Lower Meadow, Harlow, Essex.

Scott goes home

LEICESTER defender Geoff Scott has joined home town club Birmingham on loan.

The 25-year-old central defender has only made 35 appearances for Leicester since joining them from Stoke for £75,000 two years ago. This season he has only made three Second Division appearances for Jock Wallace's young side.

END OF

...but the show goes on against City on Saturday

Manchester City's Trevor Francis. I've a score to settle with him in the big derby game on Saturday.



Now that I'm playing a more forward role the goals are beginning to come again. Here I am blasting the ball past the Stoke defence in our 3-0 win.

SAMMY McIlroy's move to Stoke ended an era at Manchester United and had me thinking: "That could have been me."

Just a couple of months ago, rumours were rife that I was on my way from Old Trafford because manager Ron Atkinson had to recoup some money following his early season spending spree.

Sammy was unhappy because he couldn't play in the midfield role he wanted and his first team chances were being limited following the arrival of Bryan Robson and Remi Moses from West Brom.

Our midfield is so strong that competition for places is really fierce and there wasn't a regular place for him.

His departure ended an era at United because he was the last 'Busby Babe' on the staff.

My peg at The Cliff training ground was next to Sammy's and we used to have some great laughs together. He's got such an infectious sense of humour.

There was one thing you could guarantee about him — he'd always brighten up the place. No matter what was happening at the club Sammy could always bring a smile to your face.

I was ever so pleased to see him score on his debut for Stoke at Sunderland and I wish him all the best at the The Victoria Ground. I'm sure he'll do a great job for Richie Barker.

On the League scene United are still well placed in the Championship chase and our 1-0 win at struggling Wolves was our fourth in five games.

One pleasing aspect about our recent run is that I'm once again getting among the goals . . . and that's a great relief.

Along with Ray Wilkins I was getting a bit of stick from the rest of the lads because I hadn't scored a goal for such a long time.

But goals against Stoke and Aston Villa soon shut them up and I've really put the pressure back on Ray, who hasn't scored a League goal since April 1980.

The goals have started to flow again because I'm playing a more forward role now. The manager is keen to promote us as an attacking side and I've been given instructions to stay up.

I'll be hoping to continue my goal spree against arch rivals Manchester City in the big derby game on Saturday.

There's no doubt that this is the important one for the City and United fans. This

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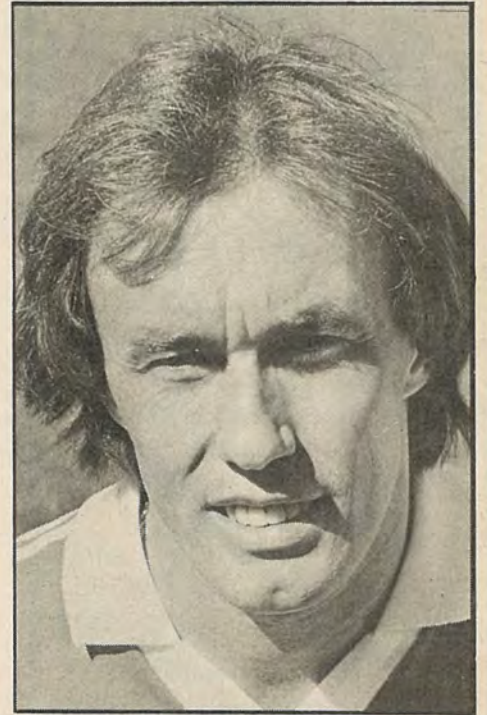
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Right: Sammy McIlroy — the last of the 'Busby Babes'.



time the match has an added spice because we're both up there at the top of the First Division.

Earlier this season we drew 0-0 in a disappointing match at Maine Road so we'll be trying to make it more entertaining for the fans at Old Trafford.

In many respects people expect too much from these matches and it's very difficult to reach those heights. There'll be 60,000 United fans expecting us to win and win convincingly.

But I'll just be happy for a win — that's vital if we are to maintain our title assault.

I've already got one score to settle because I took part in BBC Television's 'Question of Sport' and lost to a team that included Trevor Francis.

The programme was due to be screened on the Tuesday before the derby game. Trevor was in former England rugby skipper Bill Beaumont's winning team. Three points against City on Saturday will be the perfect revenge!

While the rest of the country has been gripped by cup fever the North West is, amazingly, out of it all.

It's been an incredible competition this year and one of the most open I've ever known with five Second Division teams still in with a chance of going to Wembley.

But I wouldn't bet against an all First Division Final between West Brom and the holders Spurs.

In fact I've got a sneaking suspicion that West Brom could lift the trophy. After an indifferent start new manager Ronnie Allen has got them working well together.

He's bought quality players in Dutchman Martin Jol, Andy King and Clive Whitehead. They've helped give the team character.

Up front Cyrille Regis is in explosive form and he thoroughly deserved his England call up for the Northern Ireland game.

But Spurs are definitely the team to beat. If you asked any First Division player which side he admired most I'm sure that the majority of players would go for Tottenham.

They've got one of the most skillful midfields in the League and can score goals against anyone. The big difference in their game this season is that they've tightened up the defence and that's shot them up the First Division and to the final of the League Cup.

Steve Coppell

● Steve Coppell was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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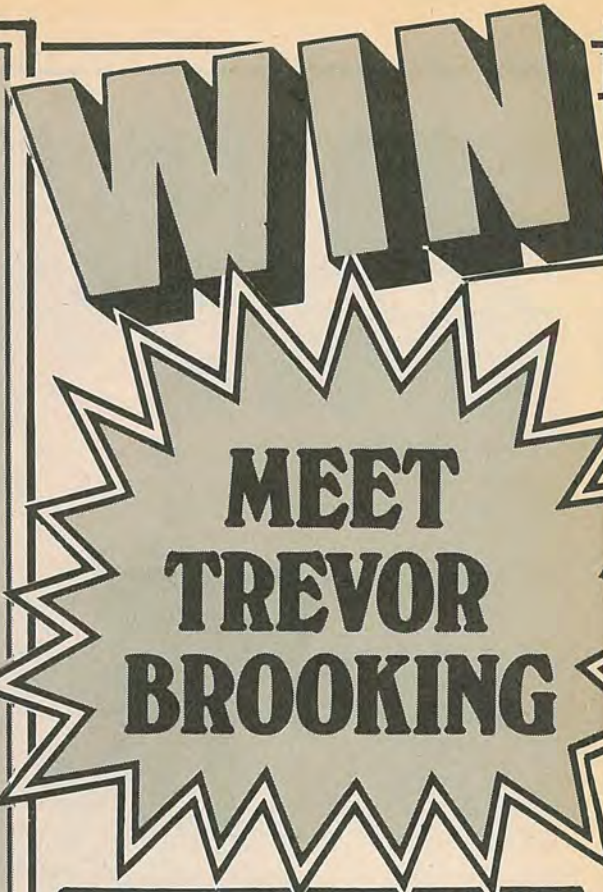
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STOP THE ACTION



ENGLAND midfielder Bryan Robson (now
Man. Utd) sees his shot for West Brom fly
narrowly wide of the post in a European
competition earlier this season. Do you
know?

A) The competition?

B) West Brom's opponents?

C) The final score?

D) Which team went through?

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Trevor Brooking meets some of the young hopefuls on one of the courses.

Are you a Euro expert?

AS next week sees the re-emergence of European cup action with the Quarter-Finals taking place, here's a quiz designed to test your knowledge of the European Cup, Cup Winners Cup and UEFA Cup.

- 1 Which team won the European Cup for the first five years of its existence?
- 2 Which was the first British club to lift the European Cup and in what year?
- 3 Which former England international scored two of the goals when Manchester United beat Benfica in the 1968 European Cup Final.
- 4 Celtic lost in their second European Cup Final appearance. Who beat them and what was the score?
- 5 Which was the first British club to win the European Cup Winners Cup when they beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 with goals from Greaves (2), White and Dyson (2).
- 6 Which team beat Arsenal in the Final of the European Cup Winners Cup in 1980?
- 7 In which year was the Fairs Cup replaced by the UEFA Cup? Was it 1965, 1971, 1974?
- 8 Two English teams contested the first UEFA Cup Final. Who were they?
- 9 Ipswich lifted the UEFA Cup in 1981 and two players both scored two goals in the 5-4 aggregate victory over Alkmaar. Who were they?
- 10 West Ham went the furthest of all the British clubs in the Cup Winners Cup last year when they reached the Quarter-Finals. Who knocked them out?



SPOT THE STRIKER

THESE four strikers spell trouble for Second Division defenders. Can you name them and the clubs they play for?

SOLUTIONS

SPOT THE STRIKER: Pic A — Brian Stein (Luton); B — Ante Mirošević (Sheff. Wed.); C — Gary Lineker (Leicester); D — John Margetson (Orient).

SOCCEWORD: Across: 1. Francis; 4. Dave; 8. captain; 9. Strling; 19. Train; 21. Masson; 22. Ashurst; 23. nine; 24. derbies.

Down: 1. FA Cup; 2. Charlton; 3. San Jose; 5. Aberdeen; 6. Empire; 7. Cliff; 13. Robinson; 14. Fletcher; 15. England; 16. Ashman; 17. Lions; 20. Notts.

STOP THE ACTION: A — UEFA Cup; B — Grasshoppers, Zurich; C — West Brom; 1 Grasshoppers; 3, D — Grasshoppers 4-1.

ARE YOU A EURO EXPERT: 1 Real Madrid; 2 Celtic in 1967; 3 Bobby Charlton; 4 Feyenoord; 2-1; 5 Spurs; 6 Valencia; 7 1971; 8 Wolves and Spurs; 9 Thijssen and Werk; 10 Dynamo Tbilisi.

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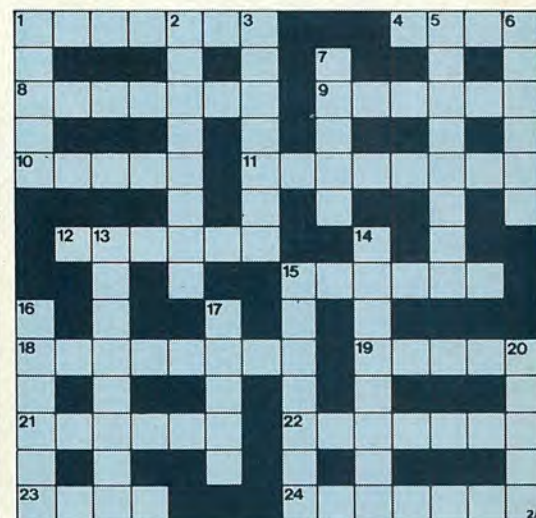
1. One of the men Manchester City have paid a million pounds for (7)
4. --- Bassett was appointed Wimbledon manager in 1981 (4)
8. He usually leads the team onto the pitch (7)
9. The team selection for a particular match (4-2)
10. During this winter's bad weather, the pools --- often provided their version of the 'results' of postponed matches (5)
11. An --- will concede a free-kick if the referee or linesman spots him (8)
12. One of the Spurs players with a chessman hidden in his name (6)
15. The Road that Leeds supporters take to when they go home? (6)
18. It sounds as if this Scottish club is worth some British currency (8)
19. Practise, etc., in between matches (5)
21. This international midfielder has turned out over 400 times for the Meadow Lane club (6)
22. 'Has rust' (anagram) — clean it up to find a manager (7)
23. Real Madrid have appeared in this many European Cup finals (4)

24. Matches between a team and its neighbouring clubs (7)

Down

1. What some club hopes to win on the 22 May, 1982 (1,1,3)
2. Could this be the favourite team of film-star Mr Heston? (8)
3. The NASL club --- Earthquakes have had George Best as one of their star players (3,4)
5. They perform at Pittodrie (8)
6. The --- Stadium is usually just called 'Wembley' (6)
7. --- Lloyd retired this season from the post of secretary to the Professional Footballers' Association (5)
13. Put a bird and a boy together to find an Eire striker (8)
14. 'F. C. Therle' (anagram) — he has played for Bolton, Burnley and Blackpool (8)
15. One of the countries seeded in January's World Cup draw (7)
16. Manager Ron has been in charge at Norwich, Grimsby and Scunthorpe (two spells) (6)
17. The nickname of Millwall (5)
20. The County of 21 across (5)

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YOU'RE ON A WINNER WITH MATCH



BOLT WANDI



BACK ROW (left to right): Mike Bennett, David Kay, Barry Taylor, Wayne Foster, Brian Atherton, John Thomas, Dave Hoggan.
MIDDLE: Charlie Wright (youth team coach), Peter Nightingale (physio), Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Peter Nicholson, Dennis Peacock, Simon Farnworth, Jim McDonagh, Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Ian Brennan.

TON ERERS



George Mulhall (manager), Walter Joyce (coach).
 FRONT: Dusan Nikolic (now in Yugoslavia), Mike Carter, Alan Gowling, Len Cantello, Neil Whatmore (now Birmingham), Peter Reid.
 Insets (left to right): Steve Whitworth, Mike Doyle, Jeff Chandler, Tony Henry.

Stratton on Saturday

£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my opponent (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches and you can see my opponents' predictions alongside them.

There's a space for your forecasts and a column for the actual result, so just for fun you can see if you can beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong. Carry your points total forward each week.



Meet my special guest opponent this week — 'Match' reader Terry Gosbee of Mitcham, Surrey.

Thirteen-year-old Terry is a Queen's Park Rangers fan and his favourite players are Tony Currie and Simon Stainrod.

SAINTS TO AVENGE STINGING DEFEAT

FRANK Worthington and Neil Whatmore will be hoping to give Southampton a repeat dose of the old 'one-two' at The Dell on Saturday.

The former Bolton and now Birmingham strike partnership fired the 'Blues' to a 4-0 victory over their South Coast rivals at St Andrews earlier this season.

ONE! Six minutes into the second half Worthington won a penalty and slammed it home at the second attempt.

TWO! Six minutes later he picked up a loose ball on the edge of the box, swivelled, and crashed a ferocious volley past Wells in the 'Saints' goal.

ONE! Seventy-three minutes gone and Whatmore clipped home a first-time shot after good work by

Dutchman Bud Brocken.

TWO! Ten minutes from time, Worthington hit the post and Whatmore launched himself forward to score from the rebound.

It was a devastating double act that sent the Birmingham fans home happy . . . and Southampton home shell-shocked.

And it left the Birmingham club just one point behind Lawrie McMenemy's side.

What a difference four and a half months later with Southampton at the top of Division One and Birmingham more than 20 points adrift of them . . . and staring relegation in the face.

So Birmingham will need all the old magic Worthington and Whatmore — if he plays — can muster as they go looking for their first away

victory of the season.

Alas, it looks set to become just another 'pointless' trip.

Out of favour Forest striker Justin Fashanu earned his side a point with his first goal for the club when they visited Middlesbrough earlier this season.

But the £1 million striker's failure to find the net consistently has since seen him transfer-listed at the City Ground.

With or without 'Fash' in the side, Brian Clough should see his unbeaten record against his old club maintained in the return on Saturday.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can.

As usual, there's another five at stake in my special challenge against one lucky 'Match' reader (see panel above).

Fixtures

Friday, Feb. 26

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Rochdale.....
Stockport v Wigan.....

Saturday, Feb. 27

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Swansea.....
Aston Villa v Coventry.....
Brighton v W.B.A.....
Everton v West Ham.....
Leeds v Liverpool.....
Man. Utd v Man. City.....
Nott'm Forest v Middlesbro'.....
So'ton v Birmingham.....
Stoke v Spurs.....
Sunderland v Notts Co.....
Wolves v Ipswich.....

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Blackburn.....
Cambridge v Grimsby.....
Cardiff v Sheff. Wed.....
Charlton v Shrewsbury.....
Derby v Newcastle.....
Leicester v Bolton.....
Luton v Oldham.....
Norwich v Q.P.R.....
Orient v Watford.....
Rotherham v C. Palace.....
Wrexham v Chelsea.....

DIVISION THREE

Brentford v Exeter.....
Bristol R. v Southend.....
Burnley v Portsmouth.....
Carlisle v Swindon.....
Chesterfield v Reading.....
Doncaster v Newport.....
Fulham v Huddersfield.....
Gillingham v Plymouth.....
Oxford v Chester.....
Preston v Bristol C.....
Walsall v Millwall.....
Wimbledon v Lincoln.....

DIVISION FOUR

Bury v Tranmere.....
Darlington v York.....
Halifax v Hereford.....
Hull v Mansfield.....
Northampton v B'rmouth.....
P'boro v Hartlepool.....
Sheff. U. v Port Vale.....
Torquay v Blackpool.....

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Dundee.....
Airdrie v Partick.....
Dundee U v St Mirren.....
Hibernian v Celtic.....
Rangers v Morton.....

FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v Falkirk.....
Dunfermline v Hamilton.....
E. Stirling v Dumbarton.....
Hearts v Raith.....
Kilmarnock v Ayr.....
Motherwell v Queen's Pk.....
St Johnstone v Queen of Sth.....

SECOND DIVISION

Albion R. v Montrose.....
Arbroath v Cowdenbeath.....
Berwick v Meadowbank.....
Brechin v Stranraer.....
Clyde v Stirling A.....
East Fife v Forfar.....
Stenhousemuir v Alloa.....

Sunday, Feb. 28

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Bradford.....
Scunthorpe v Crewe.....

MATCH Saturday, Feb. 27

	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Man. Utd v Man. City	2-0	2-1		
Nott'm F. v Middlesbro	3-0	2-0		
Southampton v Birmingham	3-1	2-0		
Leicester v Bolton	2-0	1-0		
Rotherham v C. Palace	1-0	1-1		
Oxford v Chester	2-1	3-1		
Walsall v Millwall	3-0	2-0		
Northampton v B'rmouth	1-3	0-2		
P'boro v Hartlepool	3-0	1-1		
Celtic v Partick	2-0	3-0		

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

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AGGREGATE SCORES CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

PAUL
YOURSELF

I'm a bargain!

...says West Ham's up-for-sale striker STUART PEARSON

WEST Ham's former England striker Stuart Pearson is desperate to play first team football again.

Stuart has played just four League games for the 'Hammers' since helping them lift the FA Cup at Wembley back in May 1980.

The arrival of record signing Paul Goddard from Queen's Park Rangers has kept him on the sidelines and he's now on the transfer list at an almost giveaway price of £45,000.

"At the moment, I'm just waiting for someone to get injured. That's the only way I can expect to get back in the West Ham side.

"But it's ever so frustrating for me because there are a lot of average players in the First Division and I'm convinced I could do a better job than them," says 31-year-old Stuart.

"West Ham manager John Lyall has been great about the whole

Spotlight on the former Man. Utd. hero who has become a forgotten man...

thing. He's agreed to let me go if the club get an offer, but he's also said he's happy for me to stay.

"The lads have done ever so well since they were promoted and I understand that John can't change the side. He's invested a lot of money in the team," added Stuart, who started his career with Hull before making his name at Manchester United under Tommy Docherty.



West Ham's forgotten striker Stuart Pearson — convinced he can still do a good job in the First Division.

Stuart admits that clubs may be put off by his previous injury problems, but he insists: "I'm as fit as ever.

"I haven't missed a West Ham training session through injury for over a year. I feel as sharp as ever. It upsets me when people say I'm injury prone.

"The only serious injury I've had was the knee trouble and that took four operations to get right. Since the last one 16 months ago, I've had no trouble at all.

"If only prospective buyers would come and take a look at me they would know how fit and eager I am," said Stuart.

"Before I had the knee trouble I was averaging more than 40 games a season. That's not the record of an injury prone player.

"The rest of the West Ham lads will tell you what a snip I am at £45,000," added Stuart, who made eight international appearances for England during his spell at Old Trafford.

for a lot of money — just a weekly wage.

"I wouldn't mind going anywhere up North. I'm just desperate to play first team football again.

"I suppose at my age, a player-coach or player-manager's job would be ideal, but the important thing is for me to play regularly.

Terrible

"Playing in the reserves is terrible. You don't work as hard as you should because you're not up against such good players. When you do get a chance in the first team, it's difficult to adjust to the pace again."

But Stuart found he'd not lost his First Division goal-touch with one against Arsenal in one of his two appearances this season.

"The situation is difficult for me at the moment because I'm spending half the week in London and the rest up North.

"My wife couldn't settle in London so we moved out of our club house in the close season and I've been commuting from Manchester ever since.

"It's no good for my family. I'm not getting enough time with them," added Stuart, who trains at Manchester United on Monday and Tuesday each week before returning to Upton Park.

Interest

Stuart isn't surprised however that he's found no takers. He says: "In the current financial situation, many clubs can't afford to buy new players.

"Preston and Burnley did show some interest, but they just couldn't afford me. I wasn't asking

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Non-league to stardom!

HERE'S a team from humble origins which would walk away with the First Division title. All eleven players came from non-League football. The team is:

Milija Aleksic (Stafford), Graham Roberts (Weymouth), Chris Nicholl (Witton Albion), Kevin Hector (Burton Albion), John Leslie (Dulwich Hamlet), Chris Hutchings (Harrow), Garry Birtles (Long Eaton), Alan Devonshire (Southall), Paul Mariner (Chorley), Cyrille Regis (Hayes), Peter Ward (Burton Albion).
Mishi Morath, East Dulwich, London.

Dazzling Dell!

IF you want to watch attractive football, there's only one place to go... The Dell!

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You can't beat The Dell for value for money!
Richard Burrell,
Romsey, Hants.



Peter Withe — in John Rowley's ex-Forest team.

Ex-Forest are best

MY team of ex-Nottingham Forest players would beat the present Forest side easily! It is:

Lee Smelt (Halifax), Frank Gray (Leeds), Kenny Burns (Leeds), Archie Gemmill (Birmingham), Larry Lloyd (Wigan), Asa Hartford (Man. City), Martin O'Neill (Norwich), Garry Birtles (Man. Utd), Peter Withe (Aston Villa), Trevor Francis (Man. City), Tony Woodcock (FC Cologne).
John Rowley, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

A christian name team

I HAVE selected a team whose surnames are christian names! It is:

Jim ARNOLD (Everton), Phil NEAL (Liverpool), Mark DENNIS (Birmingham), Shaun ELLIOTT (Sunderland), Alvin MARTIN (West Ham), Dennis MORTIMER (Aston Villa), Sammy LEE (Liverpool), Gary SHAW (Aston Villa), Trevor FRANCIS (Manchester City), Arthur GRAHAM (Leeds), Micky THOMAS (Brighton).
Robert Webster, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Golden Goof

ROTHERHAM boss Emlyn Hughes paid a lot of money to sign Manchester City midfielder Gerry Gow... but he doesn't rate him quite as highly as one national newspaper!

This Golden Goof was sent in by Andrew Diamond, of Barnton, Edinburgh. He thinks it's a gem!

God, who was transferred from Manchester City to Rotherham on the same day that Doyle moved, was also dismissed in his second match in new colours.

OUTRAGED!

Ban the jewellery

I'M outraged that there are so many cissies in the game.

Players wear neckchains, bracelets and rings. Next they will be wearing earrings! All this jewellery should be banned.

In a recent issue of 'Match', a Southampton team picture showed all the players — with the exception of Alan Ball — wearing rings.

A Higginson (12), Isleworth, Middlesex.

● YOU should know that Alan Ball doesn't need jewellery to glitter. You're sent off... for trying to call Ivan Golac a cissie!



There are hooligans in other sports

I AM outraged that bad behaviour and hooligan supporters are only associated with football.

We have seen savage injuries inflicted in rugby scrums... and kicking and bat-throwing in Test cricket.

And take a look at tennis. John McEnroe's disgraceful exhibitions are commonplace.

These are supposed to be the sports of gentlemen. Yet the incidents are no worse than those that happen in football.

Eric Ford, Old Coulsdon, Surrey.

● THE behaviour of some so-called fans has made English football despised all over Europe. You're booked... for thinking that unsavoury incidents in other sports can justify hooliganism in soccer.

Give Glenn a run, Ron

I'M outraged that Ron Greenwood doesn't give Glenn Hoddle an extended run in the England team. Glenn could be the star of the World Cup Finals.

I have picked an England team that I think would win the World Cup. It is:

Ray Clemence (Spurs), Steve Perryman (Spurs), Graham Roberts (Spurs), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Bryan Robson (Man. Utd.), Ray Wilkins (Man. Utd.), Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Trevor Francis (Man. City), Garth Crooks (Spurs).
John Baker, Sittingbourne, Kent.

● TAKE away four of those Tottenham players, and you've got the basis of a useful England side there! You're booked.

DOUBLE DUTCH!

I AM outraged at the fact that little teams, like New Zealand and Kuwait, can qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain, but superior sides, like Holland, will not be present because they failed to qualify from a very hard group.

Shouldn't past winners like Holland qualify?

David McCartney, Heaton, Newcastle.

● MAYBE past winners deserve to qualify, but that doesn't include Holland. They've never won it. You're booked.



Liverpool's shrewd way to the top

LIVERPOOL'S success in recent years can be put down to their shrewd dealings in the transfer market.

They have bought established players — like Ray and Alan Kennedy, Terry McDermott, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen — and turned them into even better players.

But Liverpool can also bring on youngsters with great effect. Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan (above) have shot to stardom to prove that Liverpool can still find them, and groom them for the big time.

John Neill, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.

Galvin shouldn't have gone off

I felt sorry for Tottenham winger Tony Galvin, who was sent off along with West Brom's Martin Jol after an incident in the League Cup Semi-Final first leg tie at The Hawthorns.

Although I felt it was wrong that Galvin swung his arm at Jol after the West Brom player had pulled him back, I was disappointed to see Galvin sent off.

Jol made too much of the incident, holding his face even though the TV replay appeared to show that neither of Galvin's swings hit him there.

I thought the referee was right to send Jol off. Acting, diving in the box and feigning injury are unsavoury aspects of our game and should be stamped out.

Martin Anderson, East Herrington, Sunderland.

Fathers v sons

I would like to see a match where the fathers took on their sons... and these are the teams I would like to see play.

FATHERS

Roy Bailey
Tommy Docherty
Mel Charles
John Bond
Roly Mills
Ken Barnes
John Aston
Don Megson
Tony Hateley
Les Allen
Jimmy Greaves

SONS

Gary Bailey (Man. Utd)
Michael Docherty (retired)
Jeremy Charles (Swansea)
Kevin Bond (Man. City)
Gary Mills (Nott'm Forest)
Peter Barnes (Leeds)
John Aston (retired)
Gary Megson (Sheff. W.)
Mark Hateley (Coventry)
Clive Allen (QPR)
Danny Greaves (Southend)

Stewart Jewell, Bexley, Kent.

Let's have "Super Saves"

MATCH Weekly has a special 'Golden Goal' feature every week, which I like very much, but what about goalkeepers?

Why doesn't Match have a 'Super Save' spotlight so that we can see great goalies like Jimmy Rimmer of Aston Villa and Norwich's Chris Woods pulling off tremendous saves?

I'm a goalkeeper for my local side, Hawks, and I feel goalkeepers are left out.

Kevin Brooke (13), Wisbech, Cambs.

Leeds set for title next year

AFTER their FA Cup defeat at Tottenham, Leeds have again been the target for the critics. And I'm fed up with all the sniping at Allan Clarke's men.

When Allan took over at Elland Road, he said that he would win a trophy within three years. I think that he will justify that prediction by taking the First Division championship next year.

Leeds are the only unbeaten team at home in Division One matches this season, and, with their fantastic support, they can build on that next season.

Andrew Jones, New Romney, Kent.

Don't rule out Wednesday

ACCORDING to the pundits, the Second Division title race is all over. Luton have walked it.

But there's still some way to go yet and Sheffield Wednesday can't be left out of the reckoning.

Wednesday won 3-0 at Luton and if they get the promotion place they richly deserve, they will prove to be a better First Division side than Luton.

Jack Charlton's side has several high-class players — like Terry Curran, Gary Bannister, Ante Mirocevic and Andy McCulloch — and they stand more chance of gaining First Division honours than Luton!

Tommy Tynan, Foxhill, Sheffield.

Right: Gary Bannister would be a player capable of helping Sheffield Wednesday to honours in the First Division, says one of their fans, Tommy Tynan.



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It was a trivial incident, nothing compared to the kick in the face Terry Butcher received from Brian Stein later in the game.

It must hurt the players terribly when they try to do their best but all they earn are abusive chants from the terraces.

Don't these people realise that Paul Mariner scored the goal which enabled England to qualify for the World Cup Finals?

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WORLD WARM-UPS

THREE World Cup Final teams continued their preparations, two of them winning away from home.

Algeria defeated African rivals Tunisia 1-0 with the goal coming from Assad, while Hungary, who are in Argentina's group, won 2-1 in Auckland against one of the Finals' outsiders, New Zealand.

COLOMBIAN COUP

A CONSORTIUM of big firms is making a bid to ensure that the 1986 World Cup is held in Colombia and not Brazil as rumoured.

The 15 companies are reported to be willing to put up their own hard cash to back the World Cup project and the necessary modernisation of all the stadia.

WORLD CUP WALK-WAY WILL COSTA PLENTY!

THE World Cup organising committee and the Madrid Council have spent £500,000 on building a special walk-way above one of the busiest roads in the city.

The walk-way connects the World Cup administrative headquarters with the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, where the Final is to be played.

It has been built to save the thousands of officials and journalists from risking their lives by crossing the vast ten-lane Castellana road.

Banned Belgian misses opener

BELGIUM'S vital and skillful defender Walter Meeuws (right) will be missing from the opening ceremony game against World Cup holders Argentina in Barcelona.

The talented central defender was banned for one game for being sent off in the vital qualifying tie against Holland.

But he took the news well. "It is a pity I shall miss that game, but I can't really complain much... I was actually expecting a three-match ban," he said.

Belgium's veteran midfielder player and probable captain Wilfried Van Moer is quietly confident the European Championship runners-up can proceed to the second round.

He said: "We can go through, but the key game will be the one against Hungary. That will decide who goes through with Argentina."



WORLD CUP '82

Scrapbook

TOUGH FOR GERMANS

WEST Germany, the European favourites for the World Cup, have set themselves a very demanding friendly build-up for the Finals.

They have arranged fixtures against Brazil in Rio and Argentina in Buenos Aires next month — and they must be keeping their fingers crossed that all goes well.

If it does not, their confidence could take a very serious knock only a few months before the Finals.

The last time they played in South America was during the Gold Cup in Uruguay last year, when they failed to live up to their reputation.

Both Real Madrid and Barcelona have announced their intentions of signing West German scoring star Karl-Heinz Rummenigge after the Finals.

Though the European 'Footballer of the Year' has already announced he has an open mind as to the next step in his career, it looks likely that the Bayern Munich star will be lured by the peseta and join German team-mates Ule Stielike in Madrid or Bernd Schuster in Barcelona.

Guy's gambit

THE Spanish football press is spreading a strange story about Belgium manager Guy Thys's efforts to obtain Belgian nationalisation for Anderlecht's Spanish star Juan Lorenzo.

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EUROPEAN Cup and League Cup winners Liverpool are my favourite team. I'd like a pen pal from abroad. Yashif Khan, 78 Beaconsfield Street, Bolton, Lancs.

Pen pals

THE GRAEME ROCK

LIVERPOOL'S shock FA Cup exit at Second Division Chelsea was the lowest point in my career.

Our performance in the 2-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge was the most unprofessional I've ever seen from a Liverpool team since I've been here.

We've blown probably the easiest chance we'll ever get of going to Wembley in an FA Cup Final. With all due respect to the Second Division clubs still involved, there's only West Brom and Spurs to fear.

We knew that Chelsea would come at us in the first 20 minutes but we just didn't cope. We started as it were going to cruse it and were suddenly rocked when Peter Rhoades-Brown scored an early goal.

After that, they were content to sit back and we just couldn't break them down.

I think the rot set in long before we travelled down to London. Our complacent attitude showed itself as we were booking our League Cup Final place against Ipswich a couple of nights before.

We let Bobby Robson's men come back from the dead after being 2-0 up at half-time in the Semi-Final second leg at Anfield. We became too confident and were punished by Alan Brazil and Eric Gates as Ipswich sneaked a draw.

Reaching the League Cup Final for the second year running should have been cause for celebration, but we were very subdued as we trudged off the pitch.

We knew we'd been unprofessional by letting a two-goal lead slip and manager Bob Paisley was waiting for us in the dressing room with a 'rollicking'.

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The Liverpool skipper looks back on the match which shattered his side's FA Cup dreams . . . and looks ahead to the European Cup.

After slipping against Ipswich and Chelsea, the players were desperately keen to go to Swansea and get a win under our belts.

But the Cup hangover lingered on and we went down 2-0 at the Vetch Field in a defeat that has seriously harmed our title chances. We must be considered outsiders now.

It's been so disappointing because we were going so well and full of confidence after building up a sequence of 11 games without defeat.

‘We were unprofessional’

Now we've got to put the setbacks behind us and concentrate on winning the League Cup and European Cup again.

On Wednesday night, we are back in European action against Bulgarian champions CSKA Sofia in the first leg of the Quarter-Finals at Anfield.

We met them in exactly the same round last season and the home tie has very special memories for me because I scored a hat-trick in our 5-1 victory.

Those goals were three of the best I've ever scored and the game rates as my personal highlight of last season.

Even though we went through with a convincing 6-1 aggregate scoreline, the Bulgarians were certainly no pushovers.

We scored an early goal at Anfield in the first leg and that put us in the driving seat. After that, we hit a purple patch and it seemed as though we could do no wrong.

League champions Aston Villa are also still in the competition, but I don't envy them because they face a long trip to Russia for their game against Dinamo Kiev.

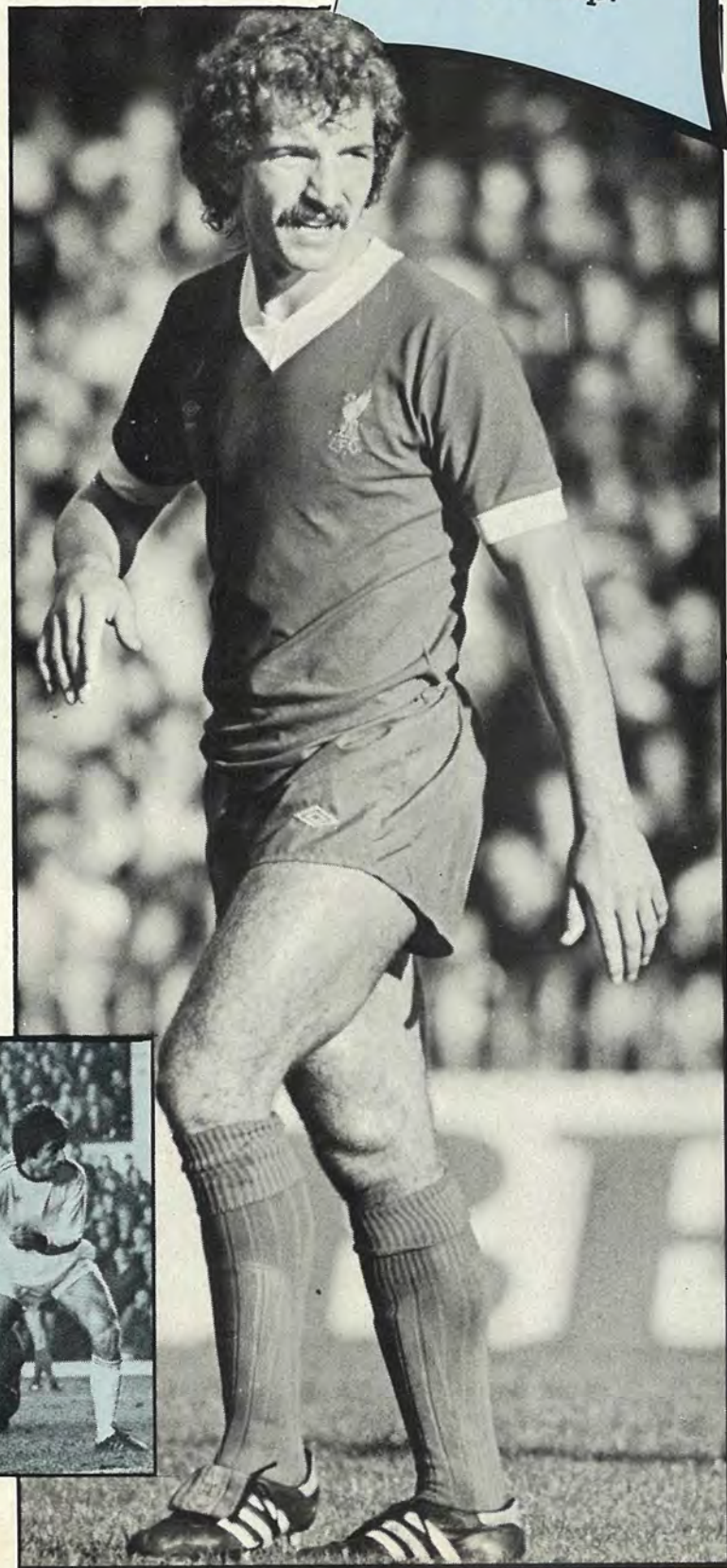
There's no doubt that travelling to Russia is a real strain. The authorities are always putting obstacles in your way and there are always long delays.

An eight or nine hour flight isn't much fun at the best of times, but it can be a nightmare when you go to an Iron Curtain country. I wish them the best of luck.

Before we restart our European campaign, we travel to Elland Road for a Division One fixture against Allan Clarke's Leeds United.

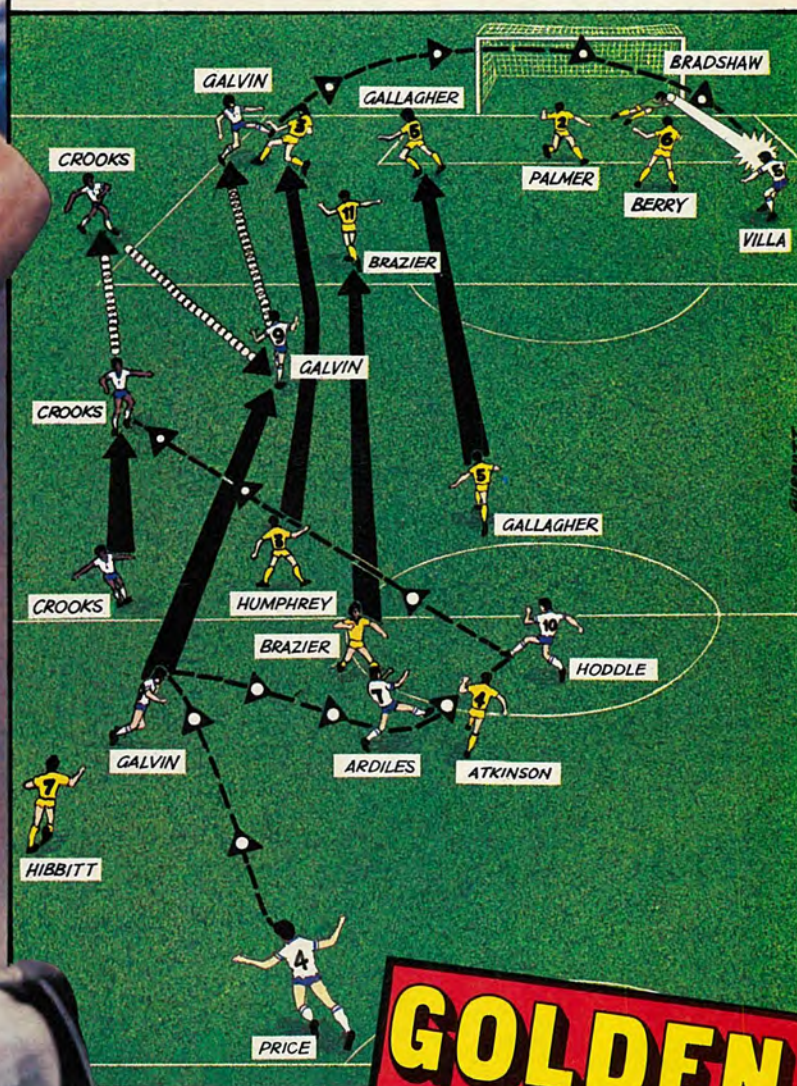
The Yorkshire club have the only unbeaten home record in the Football League so they'll obviously be a tough nut to crack. A win over them would put us in the right frame of mind for the European clash.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Graeme blasts in the first of his three goals against CSKA Sofia in the European Cup last season. The two teams meet again next Wednesday.

RICKY ON THE RAMPAGE!



GOLDEN GOAL

Ricky Villa (Tottenham) v Wolves, Division One, White Hart Lane, Sat, Feb. 13th, 1982.

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Poor Wolves had no answer to the power and style of Tottenham's six-goal performance and the clinical finishing of hat-trick hero Ricky — his first in England.

It was his second goal, scored five minutes into the second half which proved the killer blow to a Wolves side that had reduced a

two-goal deficit with a Kenny Hibbitt goal right on the stroke of half-time.

But Ricky opened the floodgates with a powerful downward header at the far post to put the finishing touch to a classy move down the left in which Glenn Hoddle and Tony Galvin were prominent.

After Paul Price, Galvin and Ossie Ardiles had made progress in the Tottenham half following a clearance from Wolves goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw, Hoddle split the visiting cover with a telling pass into the path of Garth Crooks.

He pulled the ball back for Galvin who headed for the bye-line from where he cleverly hoisted over a teasing cross which Villa headed home via the despairing Bradshaw.

Then the carnival really exploded into life with Tottenham enjoying a six-goal feast.

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"Worth every penny of the £1 million Manchester City boss John Bond invested in him — that's England striker Trevor Francis," says Darren Hughes of Rhodes, Middleton, Manchester.



West Ham striker Paul Goddard has been drawn by his namesake, Jacob, of Golders Green, London. The other Goddard says of his hero: "He hits the ball tremendously hard."



Mark Reeves (17) believes that England rated full-back Ken Swain "has performed brilliantly for Aston Villa this season."



Gerard King (14) of Newtonabbey, Northern Ireland, says Arsenal's goalkeeper Pat Jennings is "so safe and dependable."

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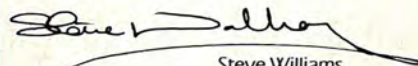
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5, Hilditch 7, Wellings 7, Martinez 7.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
Att: 5,103
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 7, Wood 6,
Ingham 6, Jackson 6, McFarland 6,
★GALLAGHER 8, Staniforth 7, Campbell 7,
McNiven 6, Ellis 6.
Scunthorpe: ★JOHNSON 8, Davy 7, Pilling 7,
Keeley 7, Dall 7, Oates 7, Lambert 6, Telfer 6,
Grimes 6, Moss 6, Stewart 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Coffill 58)
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Allinson 19, Bremner 77)
Att: 3,102
Northampton: Poole 7, Carlton 6, Saunders 7,
Saxby 7, Gage 6, Denyer 7, ★COFFILL 9,
Sandy 6, Phillips 8, Perrin 7, Alexander 5.
Colchester: Walker 8, Cook 6, Longhorn 6,
Lyons 6, Wignall 7, Wright 6, Leslie 6 (sub.
Adcock 6), ★BREMNER 9, Osborne 8,
McDonough 6, Allinson 7.
Referee: P. Richardson (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH
Scottish Cup,
Fourth Round replay

DUNDEE (1) 3 (Ferguson 37, Smith 57, Mackie 87)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
Att: 4,453

Monday, Feb. 15

Division Four

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Williams 89)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Bramhall 31)
Att: 1,934
Stockport: Ward 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 7,
Emmerson 7, Thorpe 6, Smith 6, Williams 7,
Power 6, Sunley (sub. Wardrobe 6), ★PARK 8,
Stafford 4.
Transmere: Endersby 5, Mungall 6, Burgess 7,
Parry 7, ★BRAMHALL 8, Williams 7, Hamilton
7 (sub. Brown 6), Powell 6, Kerr 7, Craven 7,
Griffiths 7.
Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★

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- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

Tuesday, Feb. 16

FA Cup, Fifth Round replay

ORIENT (0) 0
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Smillie 12)
Att: 10,067
Orient: Day 6, Foster 6, Fisher 7, Taylor, T 7,
Gray 6, Hallybone 7, ★GODFREY 8,
Margerrison 6, Moores 6, Silkman 6 (sub.
McNeil 5), Hughton 7.
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 7,
Boulter 6, Murphy 7 (sub. Price 6), Wicks 8,
Cannon 8, Brooks 6, ★SMILLIE 9, Langley 5,
Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 8.
Referee: N. Ashley (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Rix 82)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Att: 13,738
Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 6, Talbot 5,
★O'LEARY 8, Whyte 7, Vaessen 5,
Sunderland 6, Davis 5, Nicholas 4 (sub. Meade),
Rix 7.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 5, Bailey 5,
Angus 5, Baxter 6, Nattrass 6, ★COCHRANE
8, Otto 6, Hodgson 5, Ashcroft 5, McAndrew 5
(sub. Thomson).
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Van Mierlo 44,
Worthington 89)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
Att: 10,776
Birmingham: Jones 6, Langan 6, Van den
Hauwe 6, Curbishley 6, Scott 6, Broadhurst 6,
Handysides 5, Whatmore 5, Worthington 7,
★PHILLIPS 8, Van Mierlo 7.
Sunderland: Siddall 6, Nicholl 7, Hinnigan 5
(sub. McCoist 5), Hindmarch 6, Clarke 6,
★ELLIOTT 8, Buckley 6, Venison 5, Cooke 4,
Munro 6, Cummins 5.
Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hateley 40)
NOTTS COUNTY (2) 5 (Goodwin 10, Harkouk 22, Mair 60, Christie 85, Chiedoie 86)
Att: 10,750
Coventry: Blyth 4, Thomas 4, Barnes 4, Francis
6, Dyson 4, Gillespie 4, Bodak 4, Bradford 4,
★HATELEY 7, Thompson 5, Hunt 5.
Notts County: ★AVRAMOVIC 9, Benjamin 7,
O'Brien 7, Goodwin 7, Kilcline 8, Richards 7,
Chiedoie 6, Harkouk 7 (sub. Christie 6),
McCulloch 8, Hooks 7, Mair 8.
Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (3) 5 (Brazil 14, 17, 20, 70, 86)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Puckett 43, Keegan 76)
Att: 20,264
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 8, McCall 8, Mills 7,
Osman 9, Steggles 7, Wark 8, Muhren 8,
D'Aray 9, ★BRAZIL 10, Gates 8.
Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 6 (sub.
Lawrence 6), Holmes 6, Baker, G 6, Nicholl 6,
Waldron 6, ★KEEGAN 8, Channon 6, Puckett
6, Armstrong 7, Ball 7.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 2 (James, L 74, Curtis 89)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att: 22,604
Swansea: Davies 7, Stanley 7, ★MARUSTIK
8, Irwin 7, Kennedy, R 7, Rajkovic 6, Curtis 7,
James, R 6, James, L 7, Thompson 6, Charles 6,
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6,
★LAWRENSEN 8, Kennedy, A 7, Whelan 6,
Hansen 7, Dalglish 6, Lee 6, Rush 7, McDermott
6, Souness 6.
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 0
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
Att: 11,191
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 4, Humphrey 5,
Atkinson 6, Gallagher 6, Coy 6, Hibbitt 7, Daniel
6, ★GRAY, A 8, Richards 7, Clarke 5.
Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gunn 6,
Gray, S 6, Young 7, Needham 7, Mills 7,
Wallace 7, ★WARD 8, Bowyer 6, Robertson 5.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Stonehouse 47,
Brotherston 74)
QPR (0) 1 (Allen 66)
Att: 6,884
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Hamilton 6, Rathbone 5,
Arnott 5, Keeley 6, Branagan 6, Miller 5,
★STONEHOUSE 8, Bell 6, Garner 6,
Brotherston 7.
QPR: Hucker 6, Fenwick 6, Gillard 6, Neill 6,
Howe 5, ★ROEDER 8, Micklewhite 6,
Flanagan 6, Allen 6, Stainrod 5, Gregory 6.
Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Wylde 26, Keegan 49)
NORWICH (0) 0
Att: 5,283
Oldham: McDonald 6, Hoolickin 6 (sub. Steel 6),
Ryan 7, ★KEEGAN 8, Clements 6, Fletcher 6,
Wylde 7, Heaton 6, Palmer 6, McDonough 6,
Atkinson 7.
Norwich: Woods 6, Symonds 6, ★DOWNS 8,
McGuire 6, Walford 6, Watson 6, Jack 7, O'Neill
6, Deehan 7, Bertschin 6, Mendham 6.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

BOLTON (0) 1 (Foster 70)
Att: 16,555
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 6, Williamson 5,
Shirliff, Peter 6, Pickering 6, ★SMITH 7,
Megson 6 (sub. Curran 6), Shirliff, Paul 6,
Bannister 6, Pearson 5, Mellor 5.
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6,
Henry 6, ★JONES 8, Doyle 7, Chandler 6,
Foster 7, Gowing 6, Cantello 6 (sub. Hoggan),
Thompson 6.
Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Fern 34, 47, Hughes 87)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Att: 7,497
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6,
★BRECKIN 9, Rhodes 7, Stancliffe 8, Green 7,
Towner 7, Hughes 7, Moore 7, Fern 8, McEwan
7.
Shrewsbury: ★WARDLE 9, King 6, Johnson 7,
Cross 7, Griffin 6, Keay 7, Tong 6 (sub. Turner),
McNally 6, Atkins 8, Biggins 6, Bates 7.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

WALSALL (0) 1 (Waddington 68)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Austin 48)
Att: 3,362
Walsall: Green 6, Macken 6, ★MOWER 8,
Beech 6, Serella 6, Hart 7, Rees 6, Lowery 5
(sub. Waddington 7), Round 7, Buckley 6,
Caswell 6.
Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 7, Purdie 7,
Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Hanvey 6, Lillis 6, Kennedy
7, Fletcher 6, ★AUSTIN 8, Cowling 7.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Division One

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Withe 73)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Crooks 63)
Att: 23,877
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 7, Williams 5,
★EVANS 8, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner
5, Shaw 6, Withe 7, Cowans 6, Morley 6.
Spurs: Clemence 7, ★HUGHTON 8, Miller 7,
Roberts 6 (sub. Archibald), Hazard 6, Perryman
6, Ardiles 6, Falco 5, Price 6, Hoddle 5, Crooks 7.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Walker 63)
CARDIFF (0) 0
Att: 9,710
Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 7, Hutchings 6,
Nutton 7, Droy 7, Pates 7, Rhoades-Brown 6,
Hales 7, Lee 6, Walker 7, ★FILLERY 8.
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, Gilbert 6, Maddy 5,
★PONTIN 7, Bennett, G 6, Bennett, D 5,
Micallef 5, Stevens 5, Kitchen 5, Dwyer 5.
Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★
Sendings Off: Lee (Chelsea) and Bennett, G
(Cardiff).

Division Three

READING (3) 3 (Webb 25, Donnellan 29,
Earles 45)
DONCASTER (1) 3 (Little 15, Dawson 61,
Pugh 62)
Att: 2,361
Reading: Death 5, Williams 6, Cullen 6,
★WEBB 7, Hicks 4, Hetzke 4, White 5 (sub.
Moore 6), Earles 5, Dixon 5, Sanchez 5,
Donnellan 5.
Doncaster: Boyd 4, Russell 5, Cooper 5,
Snodin, I 5, Lally 5, Lister 5, ★PUGH 6,
Dawson 5, Douglas 5, Snodin, G 5, Little 5.
Referee: L. Burden (Wimborne)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Noble 1)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 2,231
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Gardner 7, Brockbank 6,
Blair 6, Wann 7, McEwan 6, Deary 6, Noble 7,
★HOCKADAY 8, Pashley 6, Entwistle 6,
Gage 6, Kruse 6, Sandy 5, ★COFFILL 7,
Denyer 6, Carlton 6, Phillips 5, Alexander 6.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

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DARLINGTON (1) 4 (Speedie 22, McLean, pen 61, Skipper 63, Walsh, pen 70)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Stewart 4)
 Att: 1,663

Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 6, Wilson 7, Smith 7, Skipper 6, **★SPEEDIE 8**, Stalker 7, McLean 6, Hawker 6, Hamilton 6, Walsh 7.
Scunthorpe: Johnson 7, Davey 6, Pilling 6 (sub. Hughes 6), Keeley 6, Arins 7, Oates 7, Lambert 7, **★TELFER 8**, Grimes 6, Moss 6, Stewart 7.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Dobson 29)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Trusson 32)
 Att: 3,058
Hereford: Brand 7, Pejic 7, Sullivan 7, Overson 7, **★DOBSON 9**, Musial 8, McGrellis 7, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 7, Showers 7, White 7.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, McPhail 6, Garner 6, Matthews 7, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6, **★MORRIS 8**, Trusson 7, Edwards 6 (sub. Neville 7), Hatton 7, King 6.
Referee: K. Salmon (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 1 (O'Keefe, pen 84)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
 Att: 5,120
Wigan: Tunks 6, Glenn 6, Cribble 7, Wignall 6, Bradd 6, **★METHVEN 7**, Quinn 6 (sub. Weston 6), Barrow 6, O'Keefe 6, Houghton 6, Evans 6.
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Scott 6, Briley 6, Bennett 6, **★JOPLING 7**, Lucas 6, McDonald 6, Garwood 6, French 6, Brodie 6.
Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Fourth Round replay

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Paterson 56)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Kirkwood 90)
After Extra Time
 Att: 11,039

Premier Division

PARTICK (1) 2 (Higgins 70 secs, Johnston 73)
RANGERS (0) 0
 Att: 6,513
Full Match Fact will appear next week

Division One

CLYDEBANK (2) 3 (Ronald 18, Given, pen 39, Miller 85)
DUMBARTON (0) 0
 Att: 2,650

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Stewart 27, Carthie 69)
QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (Grant 41)
 Att: 980

EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (Ketings 70)
HAMILTON (2) 5 (Craig 21, Fairlie, pen 32, pen 57, Donnelly 53, Deeney 74)
 Att: 1,950

FALKIRK (1) 2 (Hoggan, pen 4 Herd 85)
KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (Bourke 14, 26)
 Att: 2,750

HEARTS (2) 4 (Robertson 1, MacDonald 28, McCoy 60, Pettigrew 78)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1 (Alexander 2)
 Att: 2,397

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Gahagan 64, McLaughlin 87)
ST JOHNSTONE (2) 2 (Morton 6, Rutherford 28)
 Att: 4,205

Second Division

ALLOA (1) 1 (Purdie 39)
ALBION (0) 0
 Att: 760

BERWICK (0) 0
STRANRAER (0) 0
 Att: 870

BRECHIN (0) 2 (Cormack 58, Elvin, pen 81)
ARBROATH (1) 2 (Robb 10, pen 64)
 Att: 955

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 0
 Att: 685

STIRLING (0) 1 (Leetion 59)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
 Att: 570

Friday, Feb. 19 Division Three

SOUTHEND (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 0
 Att: 7,715

Southend: Keeley 7, Stead 7, Yates 6 (sub. Hadley), Pennyfather 5, Moody 6, **★CUSACK 8**, Gray 5, Nelson 6, Spence 7, Mercer 7, Otulakowski 5.
Fulham: **★PEYTON 8**, Lock 6, Strong 6, O'Driscoll 5, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 5, Coney 6, O'Sullivan 5, Lewington 5 (sub. Hopkins 5).
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Cook 74)
BRADFORD (1) 2 (Jackson 40, McNiven 53)
 Att: 3,975
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 7, Longhorn 5, Lyons 5, Wignall 7, Wright 6, Adcock 6, Bremner 6, **★OSBORNE 8**, McDonough 5, Allinson 6.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 6, Watson 6, Ingham 7, Jackson 8, **★McFARLAND 9**, Gallagher 6, Stanforth 6, Campbell 7, McNiven 7, Ellis 6.
Referee: A. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Chard 9)
 Att: 1,628
Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 7, Griffiths 6, Salathiel 7, Scott 7, Callaghan 7, **★HASLEGRAVE 8**, Gwyther 5, Chesters 5, Palios 6, Williams 5.
Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 7, Collins 6, **★GYNN 8**, Smith 7, Rodaway 7, Clarke 6, Kellock 7, Cooke 6, Hodgson 7, Chard 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Williams 12)
PORT VALE (0) 2 (Sealy, pen 60, Moss 62)
 Att: 3,001
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Sherlock 7, Emmerson 7, Thorpe 7, Smith 6, **★WILLIAMS 9**, Power 6, Fowler 7, Park 8, Coyle 7.
Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tarr 7, Bromage 6, Hunter 8, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Deakin 6 (sub. Shankland), Moss 8, Greenhoff 7, **★SEALY 9**, Chamberlain 1, M8.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

YORK (1) 1 (Kay 12)
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Rodgers 5)
 Att: 1,660
York: Blackburn 7, **★SWEENEY 9**, Dawson 7, Hood 7, Czuczman 7, Aitken 7, Stanley 7, Kay 7, Walwyn 6, Ford 6, Bentham 4.
Torquay: **★O'KEEFE 9**, Jones 7, Pethard 7, Brown 6 (sub. Winn 6), Rodgers 6, Wilson 7, Sermanni 7, Lawrence 6, Cooper 6, Tainton 7, Young 6.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Feb. 20 Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Withe 57)
 Att: 32,779
Birmingham: Jones 7, Langan 6, Van den Hauwe 7, Curbishley 6, Scott 7, **★BROADHURST 8**, Handsides 6, Whatmore 6, Worthington 6, Phillips 6, Van Mierlo 6.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain (sub. Bullivant 6), Williams 6, **★EVANS 8**, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, Shaw 6, Withe 7, Cowans 7, Morley 6.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Cranleigh)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 0
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Ward 44)
 Att: 17,175
Brighton: Moseley 7, Stevens 7, **★NELSON 8**, Grealish 6 (sub. Robinson 6), Foster 7, Gating 6, Case 6, Ritchie 6, Ryan 5, McNab 6, Thomas 6.
Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gunn 6, Gray 6, Young 7, Needham 7, Mills 7, Plummer 5, **★WARD 8**, Bowyer 7, Robertson 7.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 2 (Brazil 74, Mills 78)
 Att: 20,287
Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 7, Gray, F. 7, Stevenson 6, Hart 6, Aspin 6, Butterworth 6, **★GRAHAM 8**, Parlani 6, Gray, E. 7, Barnes 6.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 6, Mills 7, Osman 7, Steggles 6, Wark 7, Muhren 7, D'Avray 7, **★BRAZIL 8**, Gates 7.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (3) 4 (Souness 5, Lee 13, Rush 34, McDermott, pen 64)
COVENTRY (0) 0
 Att: 28,286
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Lawrenson 7, Whelan 8, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Lee 7, Rush 8, McDermott 8, **★SOUNESS 9**.
Coventry: **★BLYTH 9**, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Francis 6, Dyson 5, Hagan 5, Bradford 5, Jacobs 6, Hateley 5, Thompson 6, Hunt 5.
Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 0
 Att: 43,833
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 6, Albiston 6, **★WILKINS 8**, Moran 6, Buchan 6, Robson 6, Birtles 5, Stapleton 6, Duxbury 6, Coppell 5.
Arsenal: **★WOOD 9**, Hollins 6, Sansom 7, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Whyte 6, Vaessen 5 (sub. Meade 6), Sunderland 6, Davis 7, Nicholas 6, Rix 6.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 4 (McCulloch 34, 56, Mair 58, 85)
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 10,173
Notts County: Avramovic 8, Benjamin 8, O'Brien 8, Goodwin 8, Kilcline 8, Richards 8, Chiodozio 8, Harkouk 8 (sub. Christie).
★McCULLOCH 9, Hooks 8, Mair 8.
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 6, **★HUMPHREY 7**, Atkinson 5 (sub. Eves 6), Gallagher 5, Coy 6, Hibbitt 6, Daniel 6, Gray 5, Richards 6, Clarke 6.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Armstrong 11, Channon 38)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Stewart, pen 16)
 Att: 24,026
Southampton: Katalinic 7, Golac 6, Holmes 7, Baker 6, Nicholl 6, Waldron 6, Keegan 7, Channon 6, Puckett 6, **★ARMSTRONG 8**, Ball 6.
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Brush 6, **★BONDS 8**, Orr 7, Van der Elst 7, Neighbour 6, Goddard 6, Cross 6, Brooking 7, Pike 6.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (1) 2 (O'Callaghan 29, Chapman 46)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 10,473
Stoke: Fox 7, Kirk 6, Hampton 7, Dodd 7, **★WATSON 8**, McLaughlin 7, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 7, Chapman 7, Bracewell 7, Maguire 7.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 6, Bailey 6, Angus 6, Baxter 6, Nattrass 6, Cochrane 7, **★OTTO 8**, Thomson 6 (sub. Woof), Wood 6, McAndrew 6.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
SWANSEA (1) 1 (James, L 22)
 Att: 13,163
Sunderland: Siddall 6, Hinnigan 6, Munro 7, Hindmarch 7, Clarke 6, **★ELLIOTT 8**, Buckley 7, McCoist 6, Brown 6, McGinley 6, Cummins 6 (sub. West).
Swansea: Davies 6, Stanley 7, Marustik 7, Irwin 8, Kennedy 8, Rajkovic 7, Curtis 8, James, R. 7, **★JAMES, L. 9**, Stevenson 7, Charles 7.
Referee: R. F. Nixon (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Hodde, pen 58, 72)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 46,181
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 7, Price 7, Hazard 7, Perryman 7, Ardiles 8, Archibald 8, Dick 7 (sub. Roberts), **★HODDLE 9**, Crooks 8.
Man City: **★CORRIGAN 9**, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 7 (sub. Jackson), Caton 7, Ryan 6, Reeves 6, Francis 7, Hartford 6, Power 6.
Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (0) 0
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att: 14,819
West Brom: Grew 7, Bennett 5, Statham 6, Lewis 6, **★WILE 8**, Robertson 7, Childs 6, King 5 (sub. Cross 7), Regis 7, Owen 6, Mackenzie 6.
Everton: Southall 7, Burrows 7, Bailey 6, Higgins 6, Wright 6, Richardson 7, **★IRVINE 8**, Heath 6, Sharp 6, Biley 6, Ross 7.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BOLTON (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Seasman 14)
 Att: 9,466
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, Henry 7, **★JONES 8**, McElhinney 6, Chandler 5, Foster 6, Gowing 7, Cantello 7, Hoggan 7.
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Breckin 7, Rhodes 7, **★STANCLIFFE 9**, Green 8, Townner 7, Hughes 8, Moore 7, Seasman 8, McEwan 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 0
 Att: 3,408
Cambridge: Key 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Smith 7, Fallon 8, Streete 6, O'Neill 7 (sub. Cartwright 6), **★SPRIGGS 9**, Gibbins 7, Reilly 6, Mayo 6.
Oldham: McDonnell 7, Edwards 6, Ryan 6, **★KEEGAN 8**, Clements 7, Fletcher 7, McDonough 6, Heaton 6, Steel 6, Palmer 7, Wyde 7.
Referee: C. B. White (Middlesex)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (0) 0
BARNSELY (0) 0
 Att: 4,503
Cardiff: **★HEALEY 9**, Jones 6, Gilbert 5, Dwyer 4, Pontin 5, Bennett, G. 5, Bennett, D. 6, Micallef 5 (sub. Maddy 6), Stevens 6, Kitchen 5, Hughes 5.
Barnsley: **★HORN 9**, Law 7, Chambers 7, Cooper 4, Banks 5, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, Parker 5, Aylott 5, McHale 6, Riley 7.
Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Gritt 70)
WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att: 4,561
Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 7, Elliott 6, Mehmet 7, McAllister 8, Phillips 6 (sub. Brown 6), Gritt 7, **★WALSH 9**, Hales 5, Berry 6, Robinson 8.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones, J. 6, Bate 6, Dowman 7, Cegielski 6 (sub. Hill 6), **★LEAMAN 8**, Fox 5, Hunt 5, Jones, S. 5, McNeil 6, Carrodus 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Peake 43)
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att: 10,890
Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Friar 6, Peake 7, May 7, O'Neill 7, **★LYNEX 8** (sub. Melrose 6), Lineker 6, Young 6, Wilson 6, Kelly 6.
Blackburn: Genoe 7, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6, Arnott 6, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 7, Miller 7, Stonehouse 6, Bell 6, Garner 6, **★BROTHERSTON 8**.
Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (2) 3 (Mendham 3, Jack 35)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Walker 26)
 Att: 16,018
Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 6, Downs 7, McGuire 8, Walford 7, Watson 7, Jack 6, O'Neill 7, Shepherd 6 (sub. Mountford 6), Bertschin 6, **★MENDHAM 9**.
Chelsea: Francis 6, Locke 6, Hutchings 6, Nutton 6, Droy 6 (sub. Mayes), Pates 5, Rhoades-Brown 5, Hales 6, Lee 5, Walker 8, **★FILLERY 9**.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

QPR (2) 3 (Hall 32, Fenwick 35, Flanagan 47)
DERBY (0) 0
 Att: 8,890
QPR: Hucker 5, Fenwick 8, Gillard 6, Neill 8, Hazell 7, Roeder 7, Micklewhite 7, **★FLANAGAN 9**, Allen 8, Stainrod 7, Gregory 8.
Derby: Banovic 6, Attley 6, Buckley 5, Skivington 5, Sheridan 6, McAlle 6, Hector 7, Powell, B. 6, Clayton 7, **★WILSON 8**, Emson 6.
Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Bannister, pen 38)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters, pen 45)
 Att: 14,654
Sheff Wed: ★**BOLDER 8**, Shirliff, Peter 7, Williamson 7, Smith 6, Pickering 6, Taylor 5, Mellor 7, Shirliff, Paul 6, Bannister 7, Pearson 6, Curran 6.
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6, Crombie 7, ★**WATERS 8**, Wigginton 6, Moore, K 7, Stone 5, Ford 6, Drinkell 7, Mitchell 6, Broly 7.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 Att: 4,636
Shrewsbury: ★**WARDLE 9**, Leonard 7, Johnson 7, Cross 6, Griffin 7, Keay 6, Tong 6, McNally 6, Atkins 7, Biggins 6 (sub. Dungworth 6), Bates 6.
Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 7, Saunders 6, Treweek 7, Carney 7, Haddock 6, ★**MILLS 8**, Martin 6 (sub. Cartwright 6), Varadi 7, Wharton 7, Waddle 6.
Referee: D. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (1) 1 (Rostron 8)
LUTON (1) 1 (Stein 34)
 Att: 22,580
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 8, Taylor 6, Terry 5, Bolton 6, Callaghan 5, Blissett 5 (sub. Armstrong 5), Jenkins 5, ★**LOHMAN 8**, Barnes 5.
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Aizlewood 6, Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, ★**HILL 8**, Stein 7, White 7, Fucillo 7, Moss 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Roberts 64, Kamara 74)
NEWPORT (0) 0
 Att: 4,297
Brentford: McKellar 8, Rowe 8, Tucker 6, Salaman 8, Whitehead 7, Booker 7, ★**KAMARA 9**, Sweetzer 7, Bowen 6, Bowles 7, Roberts 7.
Newport: Kendall 7, Walden 7, Relish 7, Davies 6, ★**OAKES 8**, Lees 7, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 6, Tynan 6, Waddle 8, Moore 6 (sub. Aldridge 6).
Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Rafferty 81)
 Att: 9,397
Bristol City: Moller 6, Stevens 7, Williams 7, ★**NEWMAN 8**, McCaffery 6, Nicholls 6, Musker 6, Carter 7, Chandler 7, Harford 6, Hay 6.
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Bryant 7, ★**BARNARD 8**, Aizlewood 6 (sub. Bartlett 6), Garner 6, Hemmerman 7, Rafferty 6, Gregory 6, Bason 7, Crown 6.
Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Hamilton 40)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Shinton 71)
 Att: 7,094
Burnley: Stevenson 5, ★**LAWS 8**, Wharton 7, Cassidy 6, Phelan 6, Holt 6, Dobson 7, Scott 6, Hamilton 7, Taylor 7, Young 7.
Millwall: ★**GLEASURE 8**, Martin 6, Warman 6, Hayes 5 (sub. Chatterton 7), Tagg 6, Roberts 6, Shinton 7, Massey 7, Neal 6, Horrix 6, West 6.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 3 (Henderson 29, Cooke 64, Simpson 74)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Purdie 50)
 Att: 3,120
Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 5, Burns 6, Storton 5, Zelem 6, Oakes 6, ★**COOKE 8**, Jones 6, Simpson 7, Blackwell 6, Henderson 6.
Huddersfield: Taylor 5, Brown 6, Purdie 7, Stanton 6 (sub. Robins), ★**SUTTON 8**, Hanvey 5, Lillis 6, Kennedy 6, Fletcher 7, Austin 7, Cowling 5.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Ridley 32, Crawford 46)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Sims 37, Cook 59)
 Att: 4,381
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Stirk 6, O'Neill 5, ★**WILSON 8**, Green 6, Ridley 7, Carroll 5 (sub. Windridge 6), Henderson 6, Bonnyman 6, Kowalski 6, Crawford 7.
Plymouth: Crudington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 7, Harrison 6, ★**JAMES 8**, Cooper 7, Hodges 6, Cook 7, Sims 6, Randall 6, Rogers 6.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (1) 1 (Kellow, pen 36)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Duncan 9)
 Att: 2,888
Exeter: Bond 5, Mitchell 5, Sparrow 5, Rogers, M 5, ★**FOSTER 7**, Roberts 5, Pullar 6, Rogers, P 6, Delve 6, Hatch 5 (sub. Fisher 5), Kellow 7.
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 5, Adams 5, ★**BRUCE 8**, Shaw 5, Duncan 6, Powell 6, Tydeman 5, Miller 7 (sub. Cascarino 5), Kemp 5, Price 6.
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Shipley, pen 89)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Hart 51)
 Att: 3,243
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 6 (sub. Gilbert), Neale 7, Cockerill 7, ★**PEAKE 8**, Thompson 6, Shipley 7, Turner 6, Hobson 6, Cunningham 6, Hibberd 6.
Walsall: Green 7, Macken 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, Serella 6, ★**HART 8**, Rees 6, Waddington 6, Penn 7, Buckley 6, Caswell 7.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (2) 2 (Thomas 7, 20)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Lee 40)
 Att: 4,797
Oxford: Burton 7, Doyle 6, Fogg 6, Jeffrey 7, Briggs 7, Wright 7, Brock 6, Foley 6, Cassells 6, ★**THOMAS 8**, Smithers 6.
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 6, Rushbury 5, ★**HOUGHTON 8**, Ashurst 6, Crabbe 7, Campbell 5, Haigh 6, Bannon 7, Lee 7, Stanforth 6 (sub. Beardsley 6).
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (1) 3 (McGee 43, Bruce 57, Elliott, pen 65)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Dawson 29)
 Att: 5,830
Preston: Hodge 7, Taylor 7, McAteer 6, Bell 7, Anderson 7, O'Riordan 7, Kelly 6, ★**McGEE 8**, Elliott 7, Naughton 7, Bruce 7.
Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 6, Cooper 6, Snodin 16, Lally 7, ★**DOWD 8**, Pugh 6, Dawson 6, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 6, Little 6 (sub. Hall 6).
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 1 (Allan, og 77)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Court, og 57)
 Att: 4,130
Reading: Court 5, Williams 4, Cullen 4 (sub. Barnes 4), ★**WEBB 6**, Hicks 4, Hetzke 4, White 5, Earles 4, Dixon 4, Lewis 4, Donnellan 4.
Swindon: Allan 4, Henry 4, Baddeley 4, Hughes 4, Lewis 4, Stroud 4, Abbley 4, ★**CARTER 5**, Rideout 4, Beamish 4 (sub. Greenwood 4), Pritchard 4.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Smith 71)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
 Att: 2,408
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Gage 7, Armstrong 6, Morris 6, Downes 7, Smith 7, Ketteridge 6, Lazarus 6, Blochel 7, Hodges 6, ★**JOSEPH 8**.
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Hughes 6, Parkin 6, Mabbutt 7, Bailey 6, Williams, D 7, Williams, B 7, Holloway 7, Barratt 6 (sub. Curle 6), Randall 6, ★**KELLY 8**.
Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Hamilton 22, 67)
BURY (0) 3 (Madden 68, 84, Bradley 78)
 Att: 2,039
Darlington: Cuff 5, Kamara 8, Wilson 5, ★**SMITH 9**, Liddle 6, Speedie 7, Stalker 6, McLean 7, Hawker 6, Hamilton 7, Walsh 5.
Bury: Brown 7, Bradley 7, Kennedy 6, Gore 7, Hilton, P 6, Howard 5, Mullen 5, Butler 7, ★**MADDEN 8**, Hilton, M 6, Cruickshank 7.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 2,245
Halifax: Smelt 6, Kendall 6 (sub. Carr 6), Chamberlain 6, Evans 7, Ayre 7, Hendrie 7, Ward 7, Davison 7, Bullock 6, ★**SPOONER 8**, Firth 6.
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Gardner 7, Brockbank 7, Blair 6, Wann 6 (sub. Stewart), McEwan 6, Deary 6, ★**NOBLE 8**, Hockaday 6, Pashley 7, Entwistle 6.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Showers 12, Laidlaw 62)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Phillips 55)
 Att: 2,229
Hereford: Brand 7, Pejic 6, Sullivan 6, Overson 7, Dobson 7, Musial 7, McGrellis 6, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 6, Showers 7, ★**WHITE 8**.

Northampton: Poole 6, Carlton 6, Saunders 6, Kruse 6, Gage 5, Coffill 7, Heeley 7, Buchanan 6, ★**PHILLIPS 8**, Perrin 5 (sub. Sandy 7), Denyer 5.
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Buchanan (Northampton)

HULL (2) 5 (Mutrie 34, pen 42, 47, 61, Lowe, og 82)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Houchen 56, pen 66)
 Att: 2,825
Hull: Norman 6, Swann 6, Thompson 5, Roberts 6, Horswill 5, Roberts, G 7, Marwood 7, McClaren 5, Whitehurst 7, ★**MUTRIE 9**, Deacy 6.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Brown 5, Linacre, P 5, Hogan 5, Bird 5 (sub. Hampton), Bainbridge 6, Linacre, J 6, Lowe 5, Howard 6, ★**HOUCHEEN 7**, Johnson 6.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Parkinson 37)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
 Att: 2,001
Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannet 7, Foster 6, Bell 6, Burrows 5, Wood 6, Thomson 5, Cannell 5, Lumby 6, Nicholson 5, ★**PARKINSON 8**.
Aldershot: ★**JOHNSON 8**, Edwards 5, Scott 6, Briley 6, Bennett 6, Jopling 5, Lucas 5, McDonald 5, Garwood 5, French 6 (sub. Sanford), Robinson 7.
Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Heffernan 59)
 Att: 1,295
Rochdale: Poole 7, Weir 6, Snookes 7, ★**DOLAN 8**, Cooper 7, Taylor 7, Goodwin 6, O'Loughlin 7, Hilditch 6, Wellings 6, Martinez 5.
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 7, ★**COMPTON 8**, Impey 7, Edmunds 6, Crawford 6, Funnel 7, Dawtry 7, O'Donnell 6.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Moss 5, Telfer 65)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Kenworthy, pen 87)
 Att: 8,105
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 7, Pilling 7, Arins 7, Dall 7, ★**OATES 9**, Hughes 7, Telfer 8, Grimes 7, Moss 8, Stewart 6.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, McPhail 7, Garner 7 (sub. Neville), ★**MATTHEWS 8**, Houston 6, Kenworthy 7, Morris 6, Trusson 7, Edwards 5, Hatten 7, King 7.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Neville (Sheff Utd)

SCOTTISH Premier Division

AIRDRIE (0) 0
ABERDEEN (0) 3 (Hewitt 47, McGhee 74, 75)
 Att: 4,000
Airdrie: Martin 7, McCluskey 6, Rodger 7, Anderson, G 6, Anderson, N 6, McKeown 6, Campbell 6, Gordon 6, ★**CLARK 8**, McDonagh 6, Flood 5 (sub. McGuire).
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougie 7, McMaster 6, McLeish 7, Miller 7, Strachan 6, Simpson 7, ★**McGHEE 8**, Hewitt 7, Weir 6 (sub. Jarvie 7).
Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★

CELTIC (0) 2 (McCluskey 75, Aitken 77)
PARTICK THISTLE (0) 2 (Jardine 52, Watson, pen 72)
 Att: 15,200
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 6, Aitken 7, McAdam 7, MacLeod 6 (sub. Conroy), McStay 7, Burns 7, McGarvey 6, Halpin 6 (sub. Craigne), ★**McCLUSKEY 8**.
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Whittaker 6, Aberdeen 7, Dunlop 6, Doyle 7, Jardine 6, ★**WATSON 8**, Park 6 (sub. McDonald 7), Johnstone 6, Higgins 7.
Referee: W. Knowles (Inverary)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Sturrock 8)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Dawson 88)
 Att: 12,945
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Gough 6, Stark 6, Narey 7, Hegarty 7, Holt 6, Bannon 7, Milne 6, Kirkwood 7, Dodds 6, ★**STURROCK 8**.
Rangers: Stewart 7, McAdam 6, Dawson 7, Jardine 6, Jackson 7, ★**BETT 8**, Miller 6, Russell 6, Johnstone 7, Cooper 6 (sub. Redford), MacDonald 6.
Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr)
Match Rating: ★★

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Division One

Keegan (Southampton)	18	2	20
Regis (West Brom)	12	7	19
Rush (Liverpool)	9	10	19
Brazil (Ipswich)	12	6	18
McDermott (Liverpool)	12	3	15
Dalglish (Liverpool)	7	7	14
Cross (West Ham)	11	3	14

Division Two

Stainrod (QPR)	11	7	18
White (Luton)	15	1	16
Bannister (Sheff. Wed.)	14	1	15
Aylott (Barnsley)	9	4	13
Varadi (Newcastle)	11	2	13
Wylde (Oldham)	12	1	13
Fern (Rotherham)	11	2	13
Moore (Rotherham)	11	2	13
Atkins (Shrewsbury)	9	2	11

Division Three

Cassells (Oxford)	9	11	20
Davies (Fulham)	16	1	17
Kellow (Exeter)	15	1	16
Thomas (Oxford)	11	4	15
Coney (Fulham)	7	6	13
White (Gillingham)	11	2	13
Fletcher (Huddersfield)	6	7	13

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	21	7	28
Allinson (Colchester)	16	5	21
Cooke (Peterborough)	14	4	18
Edwards (Sheff. Utd.)	16	1	17
Mutrie (Hull)	16	1	17
Campbell (Bradford)	13	3	16
Johnson (Bury)	12	3	15
Houchen (Hartlepool)	14	1	15
Bremner (Colchester)	11	3	14
Lumby (Mansfield)	11	3	14
Walwyn (York)	12	2	14

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Clark (Airdrie)	13	2	15
Sturrock (Dundee Utd.)	8	8	16
McCluskey (Celtic)	12	3	15
McGarvey (Celtic)	9	5	14
MacLeod (Celtic)	6	5	11
Bannon (Dundee Utd.)	6	5	11
MacDonald (Rangers)	5	6	11
McAvennie (St. Mirren)	9	3	12
Redford (Rangers)	1	8	9
Bett (Rangers)	8	1	9
Scanlon (St. Mirren)	4	5	9

First Division

Miller (Clydebank)	14	4	18
Frye (Ayr)	8	8	16
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	12	3	15
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	12	2	14
Clelland (Motherwell)	10	1	11
Irvine (Motherwell)	11	0	11

Second Division

Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	13	8	21
Campbell (Berwick)	12	5	17
Jobson (Meadowbank)	9	6	15
Scott (East Fife)	12	3	15
Robb (Arbroath)	10	5	15

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Division One

Southampton	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Man Utd	27	12	0	2	34	15	3	5	5	15	23	50
Man Utd	25	8	4	1	20	6	5	3	4	18	13	46
Swansea	26	9	2	1	22	7	5	2	7	16	27	46
Arsenal	25	8	3	1	10	3	5	3	5	12	13	45
Ipswich	22	8	1	2	24	15	6	1	4	10	17	44
Liverpool	24	7	3	3	28	11	5	3	3	18	11	42
Man City	26	8	4	2	28	12	4	2	6	12	18	42
Tottenham	22	7	0	5	23	14	5	4	1	14	8	40
Brighton	25	5	5	3	21	15	4	5	3	8	10	37
Nott'm For	25	6	3	3	13	11	4	4	5	14	19	37
Everton	26	7	4	2	21	12	2	5	6	13	19	36
Notts County	25	4	3	18	17	4	1	8	21	22	32	32
Stoke	26	6	0	7	18	17	3	5	5	12	17	32
West Ham	24	5	1	25	17	2	5	6	16	18	31	31
Aston Villa	25	3	5	4	12	15	4	4	6	16	18	30
West Brom	21	4	5	2	14	8	3	2	5	12	15	28
Birmingham	24	5	5	2	24	17	0	4	8	11	21	24
Coventry	26	5	2	6	22	21	1	4	8	13	28	24
Leeds	22	5	6	1	15	8	1	0	9	5	27	24
Wolves	26	4	3	6	7	12	1	2	10	8	32	20
Sunderland	25	1	3	8	6	20	3	3	7	11	19	18
Middlesbrough	24	2	4	5	11	17	0	4	9	6	19	14

Division Two

Luton	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Watford	25	7	4	2	26	13	6	3	3	15	14	46
Oldham	28	7	7	1	23	14	5	3	5	15	14	46
Blackburn	28	7	2	4	13	8	4	7	4	19	18	42
Sheff. Wed.	26	5	5	3	20	19	7	1	5	15	16	42
Queens P. R.	26	9	3	2	20	6	3	2	7	13	17	41
Barnsley	25	7	3	1	17	4	4	3	7	19	20	39
Rotherham	26	9	1	3	27	12	3	2	8	10	22	39
Chelsea	25	7	3	2	20	13	4	3	6	15	20	39
Charlton	28	8	3	3	22	14	2	6	6	15	24	39
Newcastle	24	9	2	1	21	7	2	2	8	11	17	37
Norwich	26	8	3	3	24	14	2	1	9	9	24	34
Leicester	22	5	4	2	13	8	3	4	4	16	15	32
Cambridge	25	7	2	4	17	11	2	2	8	10	19	31
Derby	26	6	4	2	19	13	2	1	11	14	35	29
Orient	24	4	4	4	13	14	4	0	8	8	15	28
Bolton	26	6	2	6	18	19	2	2	8	5	17	28
Shrewsbury	23	6	3	17	13	1	3	7	5	20	27	27
Crystal P.	21	6	1	4	14	9	1	3	6	8	9	25
Cardiff	25	5	2	6	14	18	2	2	8	10	18	25
Grimby	21	1	4	5	13	17	3	3	5	10	19	19
Wrexham	23	3	0	8	9	16	2	4	6	12	18	19

Division Three

Carlisle	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fulham	25	11	1	1	24	9	4	2	6	12	15	48
Sheff. Utd.	25	7	3	1	21	9	6	4	4	19	18	46
Chesterfield	27	8	4	2	21	11	5	2	6	14	15	45
Southend	27	7	5	3	20	14	4	4	4	12	11	42
Burnley	26	6	5	5	21	13	5	4	4	18	18	42
Reading	29	7	5	4	28	25	4	3	6	14	22	41
Walsall	27	8	2	4	24	13	3	5	5	11	13	40
Bristol R.	29	8	3	4	23	19	3	4	7	12	21	40
Oxford	24	6	3	3	14	9	3	4	6	18	17	39
Millwall	26	6	2	5	21	15	4	5	4	16	18	37
Lincoln	26	6	5	3	23	12	3	4	5	14	16	36
Gillingham	26	6	3	4	26	19	4	3	6	11	17	36
Plymouth	29	7	4	4	24	15	2	5	7	11	20	36
Brentford	28	3	4	6	10	7	2	6	19	19	36	34
Huddersfield	27	6	3	4	24	15	3	4	7	13	19	34
Portsmouth	27	5	6	2	18	10	2	6	6	15	21	33
Doncaster	28	7	1	4	20	13	2	5	7	16	27	33
Exeter	26	7	2	4	27	25	2	4	7	18	30	33
Preston	27	5	3	11	9	8	3	8	14	24	32	32
Newport	27	5	5	3	14	10	2	4	8	16	23	30
Swindon	26	4	3	6	19	21	3	5	5	11	17	29
Bristol C.	26	3	5	5	12	15	3	4	6	10	15	27
Chester	27	2	8	3	13	15	4	1	9	13	24	27
Wimbledon	25	5	2	5	15	17	2	3	8	16	32	26

Division Four

Wigan	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bournemouth	27	7	6	1	20	9	8	3	2	14	7	54
Sheff. U.	27	9	5	0	30	7	6	3	4	18	16	53
Bradford C.	26	8	4	2	28	14	8	1	3	25	15	53
Peterboro	26	11	1	3	32	6	5	4	4	12	18	53
Colchester	26	8	3	2	36	14	7	2	4	21	15	50
Bury	27	10	2	1	36	14	4	6	4	19	20	50
Port Vale	28	5	7	2	16	13	7	3	3	23	17	47
Blackpool	27	8	2	4	30	16	3	6	4	19	19	41
Torquay	27	6	4	4	18	14	4	3	6	12	13	37
Hartlepool	28	6	3	4	23	21	3	5	7	21	28	35
Aldershot	27	5	4	4	21	16	4	3	7	14	26	34
Tranmere	28	2	7	4	12	14	5	5	5	17	19	33
Mansfield	28	5	3	6	24	25	3	3	8	17	27	30
Hull	25	6	1	5	18	15	1	7	5	20	26	29
Hereford	25	2	8	9	14	15	3	9	4	22	28	28
Stockport	28	4	4	5	17	17	2	6	7	11	21	28
Scunthorpe	27	5	4	4	17	20	2	3	9	10	26	28
Halifax	27	2	6	4	11	15	2	8	5	15	25	26
Rochdale	26	3	6	5	12	12	1	5	6	10	22	23
York	25	1	5	7	15	27	4	1	7	15	28	21
Crewe	26	2	3	8	10	15	2	1	10	4	29	16
Northampton	27	2	4	8	18	24	1	2	10	12	33	15

SCOTTISH Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Celtic	20	5	4	0	20	11	8	1	2	22	9	31
St. Mirren	20	6	3	2	19	10	4	3	2	12	11	26
Rangers	20	5	4	2	17	11	3	4	2	13	14	24
Aberdeen	19	4	3	2	10	9	4	3	3	15	10	22
Dundee U.	19	6	2	1	20	6	2	3	5	8	12	21
Hibernian	22	6	4	2	17	7	0	5	5	6	12	21
Morton	20	6	2	1	12	4	0	4	7	7	24	18
Partick	21	2	4	4	7	10	1	4	6	9	17	14
Airdrie	20	4	3	4	19	22	0	3	6	6	22	14
Dundee	21	4	1	5	19	18	1	0	10	10	29	11

We're not the worst!

Steve Phillips — "We play too much football for our own good".



NORTHAMPTON shoulder the unflattering tag of being the worst team in the Football League.

Bottom of the Fourth Division with only four wins and the leakiest defence in the business, the 'Cobblers' are facing re-election for the third time.

But top scorer Steve Phillips, a record buy at £40,000 when re-signed from Brentford last season, believes they can haul themselves away from the re-election zone.

"I know we are not in a very healthy position at the bottom, but I honestly don't feel we deserve to be there, says the former Birmingham forward.

"There are far worse teams in the Fourth Division than us, but perhaps we tend to play too much football for our own good.

"We are not a physical side. We don't go out trying to kick ourselves out of trouble.

"But we have also had a bad run of injuries this season, coupled with ill luck — including the loss of manager Bill Dodgin, who had to carry the can for our poor performances.

"We've had Peter Denyer out for about three months, Kevin Farmer has been out virtually all season and Brentford took striker Keith Bowen, and that's left us a bit short of players.

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

"In fact, when we went down 2-1 at home to Colchester recently, we had only 12 fit pro's available.

"I think we can get out of trouble, but even if we don't I can't imagine us being kicked out of the League.

"I know there is not a lot of money around in the club. We've had that spelled out by the chairman, but I don't think we will be folding up.

"The club are hoping to get another ground in the town, and hopefully next season we can get things going better on the field."

Steve has been one of the most consistent marksmen in the lower divisions with more than 100 goals in the last five seasons, but he has never had a second chance in the higher leagues since he was 21.

"I had a bit of a bad boy image as a teenager with Birmingham and I think that has stuck," says Steve who made 20 appearances for the Midlands side in the First and Second Divisions before joining Northampton.

"I admit I did lack a bit of discipline in those days but, since I've been married, I have quietened down and have never been in trouble with any clubs or managers.

"I've scored a lot of goals in my spells with Brentford and Northampton, but no-one has bothered to take any interest in me.

"I'm only 27 and I feel I could do a good job in the higher divisions, but at the moment it looks as though I'm resigned to spending the rest of my career in the Third and Fourth."

SHORTS

EXETER skipper John Delve marked his 150th League game for the club by scoring his first goal of the season.

And what a vital goal it was — proving to be the winner in the 2-1 home defeat of Doncaster.

BRISTOL City, whose existence balances on a knife edge, had their biggest crowd of the season — almost 10,000 — for the goalless home draw with Fulham.

And to show their willingness to save money, the new club directors paid for their own tickets and drinks.

MANSFIELD had to call-up 39-year-old publican Graham Brown when goalkeeper Rod Arnold went down with food poisoning shortly before the Fourth Division game at Scunthorpe.

Although the former Rotherham keeper was only beaten once, by a header from David Dail, it was enough to give Scunthorpe the points.

THIRD Division Millwall have lost the services of two forwards, John Mitchell and Chris Guthrie.

Both former Fulham men have been forced to quite through injury.

Chris, who also played for Newcastle, Southend, Sheffield United and Swindon, made only seven League appearances for the Londoners.

TOP snooker players Steve Davis and Terry Griffiths are to boost the finances of hard-up Third Division club Chesterfield.

They are to play an exhibition match in the town with the proceeds going to the promotion-chasing club who recently announced a deficit of £345,000.

STRIKER Gordon Sweetzer wasted no time in making his mark on his return to Brentford from America.

He scored within six minutes of his re-appearance for the Third Division club after four years with Toronto, but it proved mere consolation for the Londoners who went down 4-1 at Reading.

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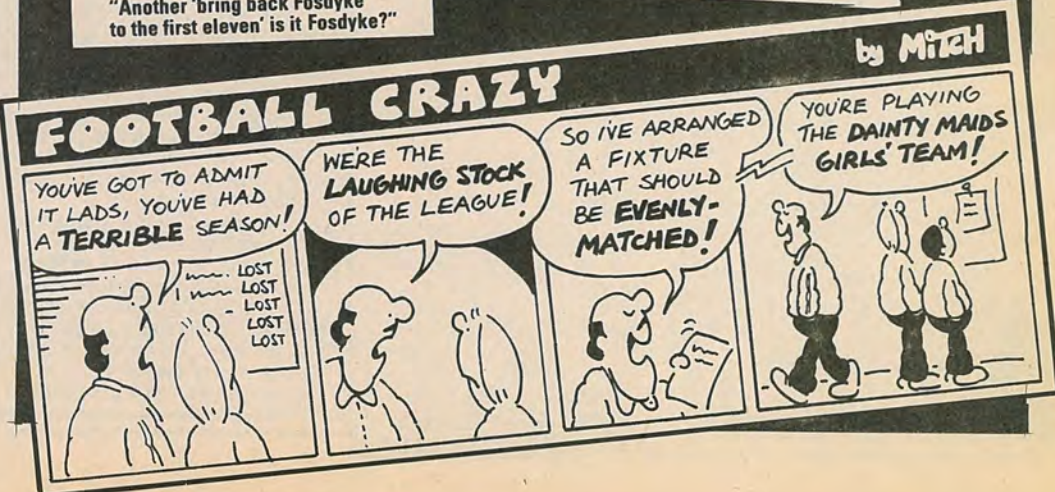
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BRAVO BRAZIL!

IPSWICH striker Alan Brazil celebrated his recall to the Scotland squad in remarkable champagne style.

Just a few hours after his return from the international wilderness, the 22-year-old blitzed First Division leaders Southampton with a vintage five-goal show laced with devastating finishing and brilliant opportunism.

"Being recalled to the Scotland team after a two-year absence was the kind of boost I needed," says Alan, nicknamed 'Pele' by his Ipswich team mates.

"It really perked me up and the five-goal show was just icing on the cake."

It was certainly a performance that would have made that great Brazilian maestro Pele proud, as Alan sent the 'Saints' spinning with a hat-trick inside six-minutes early in the first half.

Recently married, Alan had never before scored more than two goals in an Ipswich first team game, and it's seven years since Derby's Roger Davies collected the last 'nap hand' in the Football League.

"I was always wondering when I would get my first hat-trick in the senior side. I've scored two goals on lots of occasions, but to score five is almost unbelievable," says Alan,

capped twice by Scotland in 1980.

"It was just one of those nights when everything went right. I had about five chances and put them all away. On another occasion, I might have missed them all!"

But Alan was quick to share the limelight with his team mates, and in particular with his new striking partner Mich D'Avray.

The lanky South African looks like getting an extended run in

the absence of injured England striker Paul Mariner, and on the evidence of the Saints match, that suits Alan.

"He had a hand in three of my goals and he did very well," says Alan.

"I need a big man like Mich to feed off, and against Southampton everything worked well.

"But the whole team played their part because we desperately needed a victory to make up for exits from the

League and FA Cups in the space of four days."

Alan's goal feast climaxes a remarkable season for the curly-headed Scot whose fortunes have fluctuated like the weather.

He needed a leg operation earlier this season which kept him out for several weeks; was dropped; criticised by manager Bobby Robson during the team's lean spell; asked for a transfer which he later withdrew and finally recalled to the Scotland squad.

Now he hopes that his goals will lead the way to the World Cup Finals in Spain.

"Although I hadn't played for Scotland for nearly two years I hadn't given up hope. I'm only 22 and with so many good strikers around you have to bide your time.

"Despite all my problems this season I don't think my form has been too bad, particularly in front of goal.

"I know that one match won't guarantee my place in the World Cup Finals, but I'm hoping that I get the chance to do well in the Scotland side before Spain."

● Above: Alan Brazil fires home goal number three to notch one of the quickest hat-tricks on record.

BRAZIL'S BONANZA

GOAL No. 1 (15 mins.) — D'Avray flicked on a long through ball and I ran on to place it left-footed past Katalinic.

GOAL No. 2 (18 mins.) — Katalinic fumbled a Wark cross under pressure from D'Avray and I fired wide of Nicholl on the line.

GOAL No. 3 (20 mins.) — A sixty yard ball from Steggles cleared the

defence and I held off Holmes before driving it home.

GOAL No. 4 (70 mins.) — D'Avray flicked on another long ball from the back and left me with just Katalinic to beat.

GOAL No. 5 (86 mins.) — Gates put me through on my right foot. I turned inside on to my left and fired the ball home.

TREBLE-QUICK!

THE quickest ever hat-trick on record was scored by Gillingham's John Scarth against Orient in Division Three (S) on November 1, 1952. It took him just 2 minutes 30 seconds!

Other notable quick hat-trick feats include: Ian Scanlon (Notts Co.) v Sheff. Wed., Div. Two, 1974, 2 mins. 45 secs; John Hartburn

(Orient) v Shrewsbury, Div. Three (S), 1955, 3 minutes; Graham Leggat (Fulham) v Ipswich, Div. One, 1963, 3 minutes; J. Lindsay (Southport) v Scunthorpe, Div. Three (N), 1952, 3 minutes; Ian St John (Motherwell) v Hibernian, Scottish League Cup, 1959, 3 minutes.

STUART GRAY FOREST

FULL NAME: Stuart Gray.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Withernsea, Yorks./April 19, 1960.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 10ins/10st 12lb.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: None.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Withernsea Youth Centre.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
NICKNAME: 'Kermie'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Badly gashed shin.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: My team-mate Peter Shilton. He has total dedication and that's why he's the best keeper in the world.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Hull City.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele (Brazil) for his incredible all-round ability.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: England's 1966 World Cup winning team: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, Charlton J., Moore, Ball, Hurst, Hunt, Charlton R., Peters.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England), Kaltz (West Germany), Cooper (England), Beckenbauer (West Germany), Krol (Holland), Rivelino (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Bremner (Scotland), Charlton R. Greaves (England), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid.
BEST GOAL SCORED: My first ever for Forest — last season — a header against Palace.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Eddie Gray's individual effort against Burnley for Leeds.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Every player I play against.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for Forest against Man. City last season.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Forest.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Ipswich in last season's FA Cup Quarter-Final and losing in the World Champions Final in Tokyo.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, boxing and snooker.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Getting home, winning and going out with my girlfriend, Kathryn.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Queueing, women smokers and cheats.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Political broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: Dire Straits, Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and my mum's meat pie.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Cold milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman, Donald Sutherland and Hilda Ogden.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Midnight Express.
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many — especially in Withernsea.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The coaching staff at Forest.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and long coach journeys.
SUPERSTITIONS: I'm always fourth to leave the dressing room.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak and toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: None.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win everything possible with Nottingham Forest.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Don't know yet.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Chris Fairclough (Forest).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Lady Diana, the Princess of Wales.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Always give 100 per cent in training and matches.

Stuart Gray

